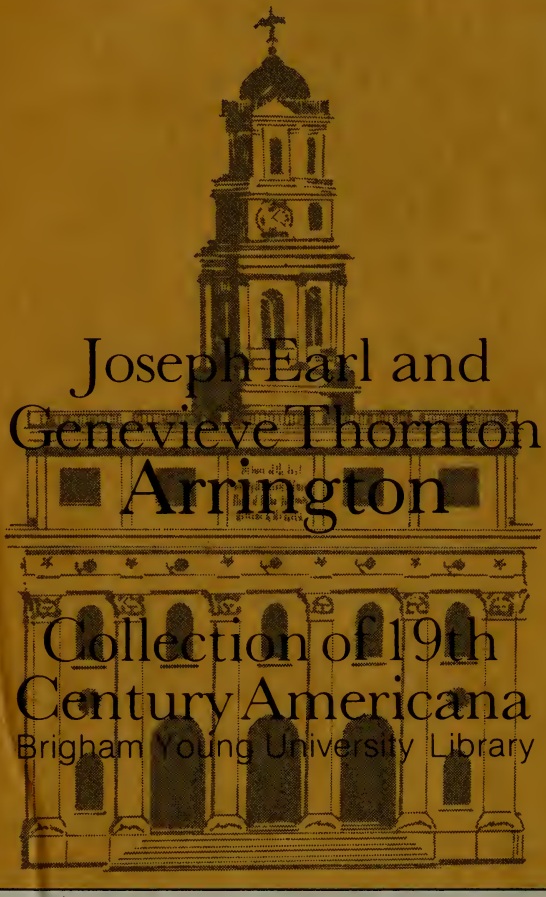

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THE

TRIAL OF ANTICHRIST,

OTHERWISE

THE MAN OF SIN,

FOR

HIGH TREASON AGAINST THE

SON OF GOD:

TRIED AT THE SESSIONS-HOUSE OF TRUTH,

BEFORE

The Right Hon. DIVINE REVELATION, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of Equity; the Hon. JUSTICE REASON, of the said Court; and the Hon. JUSTICE HISTORY, one of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of Information.

TAKEN IN SHORT-HAND

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PREFACE.

THE Author of the following pages takes the liberty of introducing them before the public, in hopes that they may convey information and profit. He has before evinced that he considers the controversy between Truth and Error of no small moment, and that the doctrines maintained by the Church of *Rome* demand the most serious investigation.

He is aware of the offence he is likely to give, both to Roman Catholics and others, who reject the precept of an inspired Apostle, to TRY *the spirits whether they are of God.* To such he has only to observe, that he views himself in the path of duty, in not walking by their rule.

The encouragement he has received, from many, proves that there are yet in *Ireland*, those who respect the Protestant Faith. To such he doubts not the *Trial* of *Antichrist* will prove acceptable.

Some have intimated to him his personal danger from those who are zealous for the *Roman* Catholic faith. This is one argument, why that religion should be contended with, which will justify an injury done to another who differs from it. It is a clear proof that it is not of God.

A late *Roman* Cotholic writer in the City of Dublin* admits, in his Preface to his last Work: that "it is a matter of the last importance to establish the truth of one Religion, and to discern this one true Religion from such as are false, since it is absolutely necessary to salvation." Those who really believe this, cannot be offended at the investigation of the subject.

It may be necessary to notice the plan pursued. The Pope is charged with High Treason against the King of Heaven, for usurping his Supremacy, dignified Titles, Power, &c. The Indictment goes as far back as the year 606, when he was first acknowledged as the Universal Bishop: and some of the principal circumstances recorded in History from that time to the present are brought forward to support the charge. The form of a State Trial is almost if not altogether constantly attended to, and such legal phrases used as to keep up the idea of a Court of Justice. The Pope being acknowledged by Catholics as the head of the Church, and supposed always to exist, he is arraigned as such by various names; so that when one dies, it is only supposed that he changes his name. The witnesses of course are always considered to be alive, and Martyrs who were burnt to ashes, or otherwise put to death, are supposed to be delivered. It is designed to be an abridgment of ecclesiastical history, and to confirm the testimony of Scripture.

A FRIEND TO ST. PETER.

* Rev. W. Gahan's Short and Easy Method to discern the True Religion.

TRIAL

OF

ANTICHRIST.

The Proceedings at a Special Commission, held at the Sessions-House of TRUTH; *in order to the Trial of* ANTICHRIST, *for High Treason against His Most Sacred Majesty,* KING *of* HEAVEN *and* EARTH.

THE Court being sat, the Commission of Oyer and Terminer, under the Great Seal of Heaven, was read, when a Bill being found by the Grand Jury, the Prisoner, after manifesting considerable reluctance, was brought to the Bar.

CLERK OF THE CROWN.

"ANTICHRIST, alias MAN of SIN, alias ROMAN PONTIFF, hold up your right hand. You stand indicted, for that you, not having the fear of God before your eyes, but being moved and seduced by the devil, did associate with other false traitors against our Sovereign Lord the present and everlasting King, your supreme and undoubted Lord,

not considering the duty of your allegiance, but wholly withdrawing, the peace and common tranquillity of his kingdom to disturb; and our Sovereign Lord the King from his royal state, title, power, to depose and deprive; and our Sovereign Lord the King to death put.

"You the said ANTICHRIST, and so forth, with other false traitors, did usurp authority contrary to every act and statute of our Sovereign Lord the King. And, in the year of our Sovereign Lord six hundred and six, in the City of *Rome* in *Italy*, did erect *your* Throne, in opposition to the Throne in Heaven. And in furtherance of your most evil intentions, and treasonable imaginations, as such false traitor feloniously and maliciously did conspire, and combine together with other false traitors, particularly with that monster of wickedness, PROCUS, who murdered his master the Emperor MAURITIUS and his family, consisting of six sons and two daughters: In return for the favour and countenance he received from you, *he* conferred upon you the title of UNIVERSAL BISHOP, and you were then known by the name of POPE BONIFACE III.

"And afterwards at the said City of *Rome*, in further pursuance of said Treason and Rebellion, You, the said ANTICHRIST, being lifted up with pride by the *Prince of Darkness*, did, in order to gratify your ambition and promote rebellion, add various other high and dignified titles, in open defiance of the Crown, Dignity, and Honour of our Sovereign Lord the King; such as *Christ's Vicegerent, His*

Holiness, Prince over all Nations and Kingdoms, King of kings and Lord of lords, The Lord God the Pope, and so forth, so that sitting in the Temple of God, you did proclaim to the world that you held your throne on earth, not simply as man, but as true God!

"And in furtherance of your most treasonable and rebellious designs, You, the said ANTICHRIST did from time to time, wickedly, falsely, and maliciously associate with other false traitors, with force of arms make and levy war, with intent our Sovereign Lord the King of, and from his royal state to depose, and deprive, and to kill and put to death; and as such false traitor feloniously and maliciously did conspire and combine with other false traitors to raise and levy cruel insurrections, rebellions, and wars within his kingdom; did collect together arms, ammunition, gunpowder, and shot, for the purposes of said rebellions, and to levy war with his kingdom. And for many years, in many countries, in many nations, with force and arms, falsely and traitorously did use, and procure to be used, many hundred thousand pikes, and sundry other arms, and did procure an immense quantity of gunpowder, with racks, gibbets, fire, swords, red-hot pincers, thumb-screws, whips, cords, and various other instruments of torture, (which for cruelty and diabolical ingenuity, could scarcely be equalled in all the dark regions of infernal spirits) for the purpose of carrying on said insurrections and rebellions within his kingdom, and therewith cruel slaughters made among

the faithful subjects of our Lord the King within his kingdom.

"And in furtherance of said treasonable designs, You, the said ANTICHRIST, did associate with, and caused yourself to be proclaimed the head, and did become the ringleader of a certain society, called the *Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church;* and for the purpose of supporting your tyrannical and usurped authority in direct opposition to every divine law of our Sovereign Lord the King, you did confer on other false traitors, and said society, divers and numerous honours and titles, such as *Cardinals, Pope's Nuncios, Apostolic Vicars, Pope's Legates, Archbishops, Holy Fathers of Inquisitions, Inquisitor Generals, Prelates, Monks, Hermits, Jesuits, Augustine Monks, Benedictine Monks, Dominican Friars, Franciscan Friars, Mendicant Friars, Jansenists, Molinists, Abbots, Abbesses, Priests, Canons, Carmelites, Nuns, &c. &c.* All of those said traitors have been engaged, and most of them deeply concerned, in the Many Treasons, Rebellions, and Murders committed by you at various times.

"And in further pursuance of said treasonable designs, You, the said ANTICHRIST, in order to draw others into rebellion and treason, did forge and counterfeit, and did cause to be forged and counterfeited, the name, hand-writing, and seal of our Sovereign Lord the King, with intent wickedly, feloniously, and maliciously to deceive the World, and force obedience to yourself. For which purpose, you caused it to be proclaimed that you

were appointed by divine authority to be the *Head of the Church*, and CHRIST's *Vicar* on earth, and that by the positive Mandate, and Decree of our Sovereign Lord the King, given under his hand and seal, at *Jerusalem* in *Judea*, in *Asia*.

"And in furtherance of said treason and rebellion, You, the said ANTICHRIST, wilfully, wickedly, and maliciously, did forge and counterfeit, and cause to be forged and counterfeited, the handwriting of one of his Most Sacred Majesty's loyal and confidential servants, namely, the *Apostle* PETER, from whom you have presumed to declare, you received your authority to commit treason, rebellion, and murder, with every other crime, in the name of the holy and righteous GOD of Heaven and Earth, our Sovereign Lord and King; and your Supreme and undoubted Lord. And you propagated and caused to be propagated, designedly, maliciously, and falsely, that in order to delegate you with princely power, and unheard-of tyranny, the said *Apostle* PETER came to the City of *Rome*, as *Prince of the Apostles*, and invested *you* with all your titles and power to govern the Church of CHRIST in the Universal World.

"And afterwards at sundry times, and at the said City of *Rome*, in further pursuance of said treason and rebellion, you, the said ANTICHRIST, did feloniously write, and cause to be written, several rebellious manifestoes or proclamations, termed *Pope's Bulls;* to support your unlawful Supremacy, to give indulgences to sin, and commission to violate every law of GOD, to pardon treason,

to give liberty to souls in misery, giving encouragement to subjects to rebel against their lawful Sovereign, to hurl Kings and Princes from their thrones, and to encourage murder, treason, rebellion, rapine, and blood, with every detestable crime, that can be named with human tongue. And for this purpose, did make open publication of the same as being the Manifestoes or Proclamations termed *Bulls of His Holiness the Pope of Rome, Vicar of* CHRIST; *Prince over all nations and kingdoms, &c. &c.* And did circulate the same among different nations and people, for the purpose of inciting and encouraging them to enter into rebellion against our Sovereign Lord the King, within his kingdom.

"And in furtherance of your most evil intentions, and treasonable imaginations, as such false traitor, You, the said ANTICHRIST, feloniously and maliciously did conspire and combine, together with other false traitors, to excite all the nations on earth to repair to your pretended consecrated standard, in open rebellion against our Sovereign Lord the King.

"And for the purpose of further promoting your treason and rebellion, You did from time to time change your title; commanding yourself to be called by various names, insomuch that from the day you first usurped that of *Universal Bishop*, by the name of BONIFACE III. to that on which you arrived at the highest pitch of Papal grandeur under that of GREGORY VII. you assumed no less than one hundred and fourteen appellations. And

from that date to the present, you have continued to change your name, for the vile purpose of alluring others into your awful rebellion and treason against the King of kings and Lord of lords, and his Imperial Crown and Dignity.

"And in further pursuance of said treason and rebellion, You, the said ANTICHRIST, did openly and publicly, in the year of our Lord 751, presume to depose Kings, and establish yourself as a *temporal Prince.* You therefore did, by the name of *Pope* ZACHARY I. dethrone CHILDERIC III. King of *France,* and invest with royalty the usurper PEPIN in his place. From this period you carried two swords, to signify both your temporal and spiritual power, and assumed more and more authority; you, as CHRIST'S *Vicegerent,* claimed the same power, as would belong to CHRIST alone, had he been personally on earth, reigning on his throne. You even used to be called GOD *on Earth,* and most of the Princes of Europe submitted to your rebellious arms and usurped supremacy. You also brought Emperors and Kings to kiss your feet, to receive their crowns from your hands, and Princes dreaded your displeasure more than they would a thunderbolt from heaven. If you were pleased to excommunicate a King, all his subjects were by you declared to be free from their allegiance, and obliged to renounce it on pain of your displeasure; and not only so, but any man might kill him. Further, you arrogated the power of damning the souls of men, and persuaded the people (whom you had deluded into your re-

bellion) to believe, that you possessed that ability, so that whoever died under your excommunication was considered by them as eternally lost.

"And in furtherance of your most wicked and traitorous designs, You, the said ANTICHRIST, not having the fear of GOD before your eyes, but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the great promoter, and your co-operator in rebellion, the Devil, did with force of arms, by craft, subtlety, and superstition, falsely, wickedly, and traitorously, compass, imagine, and intend, our said Lord the King, then and there your supreme, true, and lawful Lord, of and from the royal state, crown, title, power, and government of his Imperial Realm, to depose and wholly deprive, and to death and destruction bring; did levy and make war for several centuries to support your usurped authority, and to overthrow and destroy the government and constitution of the kingdom of our Lord, to establish your tyrannical and despotic decrees, laws, and canons, to the certain destruction of all who are drawn by you into your treasons, and die in a state of rebellion against our Sovereign Lord the King.

"And in further prosecution of said wicked designs as aforesaid, you, the said ANTICHRIST, did, (after you dethroned CHILDERIC, King of *France*) depose, and deprive, and excommunicate a number of Princes, contrary to every law and statute of our Sovereign Lord the King, made in that case and provided—During the time you went by the name of *Pope* INNOCENT III. at the com-

mencement of thirteenth century, when the Empire of Germany was disputed between PHILIP, Duke of *Suabia*, and OTHO IV. you first espoused the cause of OTHO, and thundered out your excommunications against PHILIP, and upon the death of the latter, in the year 1209, you placed the Imperial Diadem upon the head of his adversary, who not being disposed to bow sufficiently to your ambitious desire, in his turn felt your malice and resentment. You therefore declared him unworthy of the Empire, and anathematized and deposed him in the year 1212, and raised his pupil FREDERIC II. to the throne and dignity in his place.

"You also excommunicated and deposed *John* King of *England*, and absolved all his subjects from their oaths of allegiance, when you proclaimed the kingdom under an *interdict*, shut up all the places of public worship for three years, declared the throne of *England* vacant, and requested the King of *France* to execute your sentence, and undertake the conquest of *Britain;* till *John* was compelled to pay large sums of money for both *England* and *Ireland*, to do homage before your *legate* at *Dover*, and receive his crown from his hands, as a special favour from you, (as his Holiness the Pope and Prince of the apostles) after it was detained five days.

"When you was called by the name of Pope *Constantine*, in the year 712, you also deprived *Phillipicus Bardanes* Emperor of the Greeks.

"By the name of *Gregory* I. and II. you excommunicated *Leo* the *Isaurian* Emperor.

"In the year 1076, by the name of *Gregory* VII. you deposed *Henry* IV. Emperor.

"By the name of *Celestine* III. you excommunicated *Henry* VI. Emperor.

"By the same name you excommunicated *Leopold* Duke of *Austria.*

"By the same name you excommunicated *Alphonso* X. King of *Galicia* and *Leon.*

"By the name of *Innocent* III. you deprived *Philip Augustus* King of *France.*

"In the year 1245, by the names of *Gregory* IX. and *Innocent* IV. you deposed *Frederic* II. Emperor.

"In the year 1303, by the name of *Boniface* VIII. you deprived *Philip* the Fair, King of *France.*

"In the year 1512, by the name of *Julius* II. you deprived *Lewis* XII. King of *France.*

"In the year 1538, by the name of *Paul* III. you deprived *Henry* VIII. King of *England.*

"In the year 1570, by the name of *Pius* V. you deprived *Elizabeth* Queen of *England.*

"By the name of *Paul* IV. you issued out your edict in the year 1563, to order *Joan* Queen of *Navarre* to appear before your tribunal at Rome, to answer for the crime of rejecting your authority.

"In the year 1589, by the name of *Sixtus* V. you delivered a famous (or rather an infamous)

oration, applauding the murder of *Henry* III. King of *France*, by a *Jacobin Friar*, as both *admirable* and *meritorious*.

"By the name of *Urban* II. you prohibited Bishops and Priests from promising allegiance to Kings and Princes.

"By the name of *Martin* V. you forced the Emperor *Sigismund* to violate his covenant and promise, and made that diabolical decree, that *Faith must not be kept with Heretics.*

"By the name of *Clement* IX. you presumed to deprive *James* I. King of *England* of his right to the crown, even before he ascended the Throne, and afterwards attempted to destroy both him and his parliament by gunpowder.

"By the name of *Clement* XI. you declared the treaty of *Charles* VI. Emperor, to be *null* and *void*, (so far as it did not appear to the interest of your government) although repeatedly confirmed by oath, and

"By the name of *Gregory* VII. you not only dethroned *Basilius* King of *Poland*, but you did by an express and imperious edict, prohibit the Nobles of *Poland* from electing a new King without your consent, contrary to every divine law of our Sovereign Lord the King.

"And in furtherance of your most evil and traitorous designs, you, the said ANTICHRIST, did, for the purpose of promoting rebellion and insurrection, wilfully and knowingly adhere to, and confederate with some of the most notorious and violent enemies of our Sovereign Lord the King.

And as such false traitor, did feloniously and maliciously hold such communication with the aforesaid rebels, with intent to alter and overthrow the constitution of the kingdom of our Lord. And our Sovereign Lord the King from his royal state, titles, and power, to depose and deprive, and our Sovereign Lord the King to death put. You, the said ANTICHRIST, with other false traitors, did in several countries, erect and establish most awful, dreadful, and diabolical courts for the trial and punishment of all those who refused to own your unlawful authority. To these courts or tribunals, you gave the name of *Holy Office of Inquisitions*, where every cruelty that devils could invent was employed by your commission. You also appointed to superintend these works and mansions of darkness, such false traitors as were zealously attached to your treasonable designs, and did confer on them the title of *Holy Fathers of Inquisition, Holy Inquisitors, &c.*

"And in furtherance of said treason and rebellion, You, the said ANTICHRIST, with other false traitors, did presume to declare that you had, by divine right, power to introduce into the highest seat of dignity in heaven, some of the most notorious rebels against our Sovereign Lord and King. You did therefore (what you call) canonize a considerable number of such false traitors as *Saints* in heaven, both men and women, for the purpose of promoting your awful rebellion, by withdrawing the allegiance and affections of thousands from our lawful Sovereign, by venerating and adoring

those creatures of your own forming, and thus promoting rebellion and treason in all the world to the utmost of your power.

"And in further prosecution of said wicked designs as aforesaid, You, the said ANTICHRIST, did wilfully and maliciously, by open proclamation, give encouragement to the most detestable Murderers, Traitors, Robbers, and Villains, that could be collected together on earth. And did for such Murderers and Rebels appoint several places, called Holy Places of Refuge, where every infamous character lived in safety by your orders, in defiance of every divine and human law, for the purpose of promoting rebellion and treason against our Sovereign Lord the King.

"And further to promote treason and rebellion, as such false traitor, You, the said ANTICHRIST, did, wickedly and feloniously, with other false traitors, proclaim the presumed power, to grant to those who were rich enough to purchase them, *Indulgences*, which administered remission of all sins, however enormous in their nature they might be. You did therefore, especially in *Germany*, in the year of our Lord, 1517, (when you were known by the name of *Pope* LEO X.) employ several persons connected with you to circulate and sell the said *Indulgences* for money; particularly a *Dominican Friar*, and false traitor, known by the name of JOHN TETZEL, who in describing the efficacy of these rebellious *Indulgences*, among other enormities said, that *even had any one deflowered the mother of God, he had from you where-*

withal to efface his guilt. And he also boasted that *he had saved more souls from hell by those indulgences, than St. Peter had converted to Christianity by his preaching.*

"You likewise commissioned other false traitors to plead in the defence of said rebellious acts, when they were opposed by one who rejected your authority. And one CAJETAN, a rebel in your employ, did declare in support of your usurped power, that *one drop of Christ's blood, being sufficient to redeem the whole human race, the remaining quantity that was shed in the garden and upon the cross, was left as a legacy to the church to be a treasure, from whence Indulgences were to be drawn and administered by the Roman Pontiff,* or you, the said ANTICHRIST. And of these and other awful expressions you were the author when you were called *Pope* CLEMENT VII.

"And in furtherance of said treason and rebellion, You, the said ANTICHRIST, with other false traitors: did wickedly, wilfully, and maliciously, murder and cause to be murdered many hundred thousand subjects of our Sovereign Lord the King, who refused to own your assumed supremacy. To enumerate all the said murders would be a task impossible for men, if not for angels to perform: But you did, by various instruments, put to death upwards of a million of the people called WALDENSES and ALBIGENSES, whom you persecuted with fire and sword for several centuries. And you also burnt very many faithful preachers of the kingdom of our Lord. And you did, on the

24th day of *August*, 1572, and few following days, cause to be murdered at *Paris*, in *France*, 70,000 persons, who were massacred by one of your agents called CHARLES IX. and who in a few years murdered 300,000! Within thirty years were killed in *France*, 39 Princes, 148 Counts, 234 Barons, 147,518 Gentlemen, and 760,000 persons of inferior rank in life, but whose blood equally called for justice.

"And you did in *England*, during the short reign of the ever-to-be-execrated *Queen* MARY, burn 1 Archbishop, 4 Bishops, 21 Preachers, 8 Gentlemen, 84 Artificers, 100 Husbandmen and Labourers, 26 Wives, 20 Widows, 9 unmarried Women, 2 Boys, and 2 Infants. And in *Ireland* also you did in the year 1641, cause to be murdered 40,000 persons. And in *Scotland*, in *Holland*, in *Germany*, in *Spain*, in *Italy*, in *Portugal*, in *Poland*, in *Hungary*, in *Bohemia*, and other countries in *Europe;* and in *South America*, innumerable multitudes have been slaughtered by your rebellious arms, for the vile purpose of promoting said insurrections and treasons within the kingdom of our Sovereign Lord the Everlasting King. And for the purposes of your treasonable imaginations as aforesaid, our said Lord the King from the royal state, title, honour, power, imperial crown, and government of his realm, to depose and deprive, contrary to the duty of your allegiance, against the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, his Crown and dignity, and against the form of the statute in that case made and provided."

Clerk of the Crown. How sayest thou, *Antichrist?* Art thou Guilty of that treason whereof thou standest indicted, and for which thou hast now been arraigned? or Not Guilty?

Antichrist. (*After remaining silent for some time,*) I do not consider myself accountable to any Court.

Lord Chief Justice. Whatever opinion you may entertain respecting your treasonable authority; it will not be owned here. You have heard the Indictment read, and the course is, you must plead Guilty or Not Guilty. It is the law and the common case of all men in your situation. Are you Guilty or Not Guilty?

Ant. Shall I not be allowed to produce such authority as almost all Christian Countries have admitted? Some of the most eminent Catholic writers have proved my power over all law and——

Court. You must hold, and plead Guilty or Not Guilty. You shall have the liberty that any subject can have, or can challenge. No man standing at the bar, in the condition you are, must make any other answer to the Indictment than Guilty or Not Guilty. Your answer must be plain and direct, either Guilty or not Guilty.

Ant. Will you permit me to give you my answer in my own words?

Lord Chief Justice. There is no answer but what the law directs. You shall be heard when you put yourself upon your trial.

Ant. I request some time to consider of it, for I have been very unexpectedly called upon.

Court. You have been allowed several centuries to take this case into consideration. You must follow the direction of the Court, Guilty or Not Guilty?

Ant. Shall I be heard, my Lord?

Court. Yes, upon your trial. You *must* keep to the course of law, either Guilty or Not Guilty. There is but one of these pleas to be made. You trouble the Court.

Clerk. How sayest thou, *Antichrist?* Art thou Guilty or Not Guilty?

Ant. My condition differs from others, I am now——

Clerk. Are you Guilty or Not Guilty?

Ant. I am speaking. I have known the time when none dare——

Court. There are but three things to be considered. Either you must say Guilty, which is Confession, and then there remains no more but Judgment; or Not Guilty, and then you shall be heard; or Judgment will pass for your standing mute, which is the same as if you had confessed.

Ant. Will you refuse to give me any satisfaction?

Clerk. Are you Guilty or Not Guilty?

Court. You have been long acquainted with the proceedings of earthly courts. Did you ever allow any prisoner brought before your tribunal, the indulgence the court has now granted you?

Ant. This is a Special Case.

COURT. The law allows nothing now, but to plead Guilty or Not Guilty. You must plead to your Indictment. If it be treason, it cannot be justified; if it be justifiable, it is not treason. Therefore plead Guilty or Not Guilty?

ANT. Who could suppose that I would plead Guilty?

CLERK. You plead Not Guilty. Is this your plea?

ANT. I do not acknowledge the Indictment to be legal. I never called myself by the name of *Antichrist.* I am not the person.

CLERK. You have been long known by that name. You are the person charged with treason. It would take many hours to read all the names you have been known by in the world. *You are the person,* and by one, or other of the names in the Indictment, you have for centuries committed all the crimes laid to your charge. But the Court cannot be thus interrupted. Are you Guilty or Not Guilty?

ANT. I am not *Antichrist.*

CLERK. Are you Guilty or Not Guilty?

ANT. I do not plead Guilty.

CLERK. Then you plead Not Guilty. Is this your plea?

ANT. Yes.

CLERK. How will you be tried?

ANT. I will be tried by the laws and Cardinals of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. I must inform you, if you do not put yourself in this case according to law, what you have said amounts to nothing.

Clerk. How will you be tried?

Ant. According to the ordinary course.

Clerk. Whether by God and the Country? You must speak the words.

Court. We have given you a great deal more liberty than is usually granted. It is the course and proceeding of law; if you will be tried, you must put yourself upon God and the Country.

Ant. If I must say the words, I will say what you tell me. I will be tried by God and the Country.

Clerk. God send you a good deliverance.

Court. You, the prisoner at the bar: if you desire pen, ink, and paper, you shall have them: and if you will challenge any of the Jury, you may when they come to be sworn, and that before they are sworn.

Mr. *Timothy Telltruth*, being called was desired to look on the prisoner at the bar, and lay his hand upon the book, when the prisoner said, *I utterly abhor his name, he is well known to be one of the greatest enemies to my government.*

Mr. *Jacobus Investigation*, *Mark Mercy*, *Gideon Grace*, *Titus Truth*, *Francis Faithfulness*, *Luke Love*, *Peter Peace*, *Jonah Joy*, *Matthew Meekness*, *Henry Holiness*, and *Venerable Virtue*, being called, were severally excepted against by the prisoner.

Court. *Antichrist*, you know the law. You must say, I challenge him.

Ant. I shall, Sir.

Sir *Simon Sincerity* was next called and challenged.

Mr. *Christopher Compassion*, being called, the prisoner said, May I ask of what quality he is?

COURT. No, Sir. You are to challenge him, or not challenge him.

ANT. I challenge him.

Philip Purity, *Obadiah Obedience*, and *Grace Goodness*, being called, were also challenged.

[Here the people appeared to smile.]

ANT. My lord, I must make use of my liberty in this case.

COURT. God forbid it should be otherwise.

Reuben Righteousness and Virtuous Vigilance, were next called and challenged.

COURT. *Antichrist*, you know how many to challenge. If you go beyond the number, you know the danger.

ANT. Will you tell me what it is? I know nothing about trial by Jury. All the prisoners that came before me had a very different trial.

COURT. You say very true, but God forbid but you should know. You may challenge thirty-five peremptorily, but no more, unless you can show just cause.

Sir *William Worthy*, was next called, and challenged.

Titus Tenderness, called.

ANT. I do not know him.

TEND. Nor I you, Sir; I never lived in your city, or dominions.

He was then desired to look on the prisoner, and lay his hand on the book. His oath was then read to him, *viz.* "You shall well and truly try, and true deliverance make, between our Sovereign Lord the King, and the prisoner at the bar, whom you shall have in charge, according to your evidence. So help you God." *Sworn.*

Benjamin Blameless, *Absalom Amiable*, and *Luke Lovegood*, were challenged.

Don Pedro Italy was next called, when the prisoner said, *Don Pedro Italy* is his name! Let him be sworn. *Sworn.*

Uriah Uprightness. Challenged.

Seignior Paulo Portugal was next called.

ANT. I like his name, let him be sworn. *Sworn.*

Elias Equity. Challenged.

Divine Light. Challenged.

Divine Life. Challenged.

ANT. Lest I may run into any hazard, in making use of the liberty granted by the law in this case, and not having numbered the persons challenged; I desire that your officer may acquaint me with the number.

COURT. You shall know it.

Christian Charity was next called and challenged, but the prisoner said immediately after, *Let him be sworn.*

COURT. No, No.

ANT. I have no objections to his *name.* He may be sworn.

COURT. When he is challenged, it cannot be recalled.

Seignior Dominic Spain was next called.

ANT. Let him be sworn. He has known me a long time. *Sworn.*

Hosea Honesty, and *Faithful Witness*, being called, were both challenged.

COURT. You have now challenged thirty.

ANT. I wish the names to be read to me, to see if it be so?

COURT. When you come to thirty-five, you shall have the names read.

Vital Godliness and *Experimental Religion*, were next called, and both challenged.

Mons. Most Christian France. Sworn.

Corvinus Hungary. Sworn.

Gospel Holiness, *Scripture Morality*, and *Apostolic Testimony*, being called, were challenged.

COURT. Now read the names to him.

They were read. In all Thirty-five.

Van Erasmus Holland. Sworn.

Gustavus Sweden. Sworn.

George England. Sworn.

Andrew Scotland. Sworn.

Patrick Ireland. Sworn.

Augustus Germany. Sworn.

Then they who were admitted, were called over, *viz.* Titus Tenderness, Don Pedro Italy, Seignior Paulo Portugal, Seignior Dominic Spain, Monsieur Most Christian France, Corvinus Hungary, Van Erasmus Holland, Gustavus Sweden,

George England, Andrew Scotland, Patrick Ireland, and Augustus Germany.

Proclamation was then made.

'If any man can inform my Lord the King's 'Justices, the King's Serjeant, or the King's Attor-'ney, before this Inquest be taken, let them 'come forth, and they shall be heard, for now the 'Prisoner stands at the bar upon his deliverance. 'And all those bound by recognizance to appear, 'let them come forth, and give their evidence, or 'else to forfeit their recognizance.'

A considerable number of Witnesses were then called.

Clerk. Look upon the Prisoner at the bar, you that are sworn. You shall understand, that the Prisoner at the bar stands indicted by the name of *Antichrist*, &c. late of the City of *Rome* in *Italy*, *Clerk;* for that he together, &c. [here the indictment was read] upon which indictment he hath been arraigned, and thereunto hath pleaded Not Guilty; and for his trial, hath put himself upon God and the Country, which Country you are. Now your charge is to inquire, whether he be guilty of the High Treason in manner and form as he stands indicted, or Not Guilty. If you find that he is Guilty, you shall inquire what Goods and Chattels he had at the time of committing the Treason, or at any time sithence. If you find that he is not Guilty, you shall inquire whether he did fly for it; if you find that he fled for it, you shall inquire of his Goods and Chattels

as if you had found him Guilty. If you find that he is Not Guilty, nor that he did fly, you shall say so, and no more. And take heed to your evidence.

The Right Hon. FAITHFUL INVESTIGATION, *His Majesty's Attorney-General*, then addressed the Court and Jury.

My Lords, and Gentlemen of the Jury,

It is my duty to state to you in as concise a manner as I can, the nature of the charges preferred against the Prisoner at the bar, and the evidences that shall be produced in support of that charge. Gentlemen of the Jury, you, on your part, are to decide upon the evidences; it is for you to draw such conclusions as you may by the evidences be warranted to do.

My Lords, and Gentlemen of the Jury, I consider myself highly honoured in being one of the instruments in bringing before you, this day, into judgment, one, who not only has been guilty of the blackest treason and rebellion, but, who has been for many centuries the plague and curse of nations. The highest crimes of which a subject can be guilty, attended with various aggravating circumstances, are charged against the Prisoner at the bar, who was the leader and original mover of many insurrections and rebellions which have deluged the earth with human blood, and brought many whom he had seduced, to condign punishment, both here and in the eternal world. It will appear in evidence, that the persons who

were principally connected with, and who received their authority from the Prisoner, were those who were concerned in the rebellions of 606, and of every succeeding century, in *Italy*, *Germany*, *France*, *Spain*, *Portugal*, *Holland*, *Sweden*, *England*, *Wales*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and most of the nations of *Europe*.

My Lords, and Gentlemen of the Jury, It is not possible that any mortal being, in the space of one hundred years, could state a tenth part of the treasons and murders which the Prisoner at the bar has committed. The most youthful and able counsel would grow grey-headed in the court, while barely citing the acts done by him only during the space of half a century. The court itself could not contain half the rebel proclamations, or Popes' Bulls, which he has published to the world, the design of which will evidently appear to be, the subversion of his Majesty's Government, and the promotion of rebellion in all the earth.

And in order to effect his treasonable designs, he imbrued his hands in the blood of thousands of his fellow-creatures; crimes that do not, that cannot admit of the smallest extenuation. The Prisoner at the bar stands charged with committing several overt-acts of High Treason, by which he has manifested the wickedness and tritorous imaginations of his heart. I shall briefly state a few of the overt-acts, and if you believe the evidence, you will be convinced, Gentlemen of the Jury, it is your duty to find the Prisoner Guilty.

There are several counts in this indictment. That of compassing and imagining the death of the King. Of usurping his Sovereign Power. Adhering to the King's enemies. Counterfeiting the King's great seal of Heaven. Levying war against the King. Deposing several Emperors and Kings. Abolishing the laws of our beloved Sovereign, and substituting his own. Offering rewards to encourage rebellion. The murder of many hundred thousand subjects of our Lord the King. And others stated in the indictment now read.

Gentlemen of the Jury, the overt-act of levying war, is a compassing and imagining the death of the King, although it may not be carried into effect. I shall not make many observations upon it, as it must be comprehended by any sensible man; for in the language of the law, the levying war is held to be the compassing and imagining the death of the King, although it may not immediately be carried into execution, yet, it may ultimately attach to his person. Any conspiracy, by force of arms, to alter the laws, the constitution, the government of our Lord's kingdom, leads to the general destruction of the King, although it doth not to the life of his Majesty. Thus those who have been acknowledged as the subjects of our Sovereign, by lifting up their rebellious arms against his government, are said to *Crucify* or *Kill* him again, and to bring him to open shame. The intention to alter by force of arms, the constitution of his kingdom, is one of the overt-acts laid in the

indictment, as a means to compass the death of the King.

I shall proceed to lay the evidences before you, in support of the charges laid in the indictment. I shall briefly mention the evidences and the facts, and the circumstances, that I am instructed to say, they will prove; and it is for you, Gentlemen of the Jury, to judge what inferences and conclusions you may draw. I state the nature of the evidences that will be produced, merely for the purpose of your understanding more satisfactorily the nature of the testimony the witnesses may give; and your verdict will be according to those evidences, and according to the credit that you may give them, of which you are the constitutional judges.

We shall produce witnesses to prove, that the Prisoner at the bar lived at Rome in the year of our Lord 606; and that he did usurp the title of Universal Bishop, and was known by the name of *Pope Boniface* III. That he continued to change, and alter his name from time to time. That he did arrogate to himself the government of our Lord the King. That he did associate with other false traitors. That he did levy war against our Sovereign. That he did issue out many thousand rebellious proclamations. That he did with fire and sword put many of his Majesty's loyal subjects to death, in a manner enough to make human nature shudder. That he did counterfeit the handwriting of our beloved Lord. That he did depose Emperors and Kings. That

he did abolish the laws and constitution of the kingdom of God. And that he did commit treason and rebellion in every age of the world, from the time he first usurped his treasonable authority.

Gentlemen of the Jury, we might follow the Prisoner at the bar, from name to name, and from century to century, to the present period, and glance at a small share of his history, and thereby give a comparative view of his tragical cruelties. But your time is precious, we shall therefore let the witnesses speak, and doubt not but to prove, that the Prisoner is one of the greatest culprits ever brought to the bar. We shall now call the evidences, and show by them, that the Prisoner at the bar is guilty of the charges laid against him in the indictment. It is for you to decide upon the guilt or innocence of the Prisoner, as you on your oath shall be of opinion is agreeable to the case. If the charge is not supported, you will of course acquit him.

Mr Historical Truth being called and sworn, was examined by the *Attorney-General.*

Quest. Have you been acquainted with *Antichrist*, the Prisoner at the bar?

Ans. Yes. I have known him for many centuries. He has often employed my pen.

Q. Where did he live when you knew him?

A. At the City of *Rome*, in *Italy.*

Q. Do you recollect at what period you first became acquainted with him?

A. I knew him before he claimed the title of Universal Bishop, but from the time he usurped it, I have taken particular notice of him.

Q. In what year did he first assume that title? and what name did he then go by?

A. In the year of our Lord 606. He was then known by the name of *Pope Boniface* III.

Q. Are you acquainted with any circumstances that contributed to the establishment of the Prisoner by that title?

A. I am.

Q. Will you briefly state them to the court?

A. Yes. I recollect well, that for a long time, there was much dispute between the Prisoner at the bar, and another person, who went by the name of the Bishop of *Constantinople*, about who should have the title and power connected with it, as head of the Church. The Emperor of *Rome*, *Mauritius*, with all his family, consisting of six sons and two daughters, being murdered by *Phocas*, who usurped the Roman Government; and who being sanctioned by the Prisoner, he, in return, conferred on him the title of Universal Bishop.

Q. Do you recollect on what pretext the Prisoner at the bar founded his claim to this title?

A. On a supposition that the Apostle *Peter* had been at *Rome* to found the Church of *Rome*, as Mother and Mistress of all Churches. And that our Lord the King had delegated him with power to invest his successors with the title of Vicar of Christ, &c.

Q. Was it from ignorance or wickedness, do you suppose, that the Prisoner was first led to arrogate his supremacy?

A. I do believe it proceeded from wickedness. For it never could proceed from ignorance, as his predecessor *Gregory*, who was Bishop of *Rome*, had openly declared to the knowledge of the Prisoner, "That whosoever calls himself, or desires by others to be called Universal Bishop, is a forerunner of *Antichrist*." He also knows that he never had been owned by that title before *Phocas* granted it to him, and he also well knows now, that he was not universally acknowledged after his usurpation.

Cross-examined by Counsellor Quibble, Counsel for the Prisoner.

Q. You say, that you have been long acquainted with the Prisoner, was you intimately acquainted with him?

A. Yes.

Q. On your oath, do you, or do you not believe, that when the Prisoner at the bar first claimed his title, that it never was his intention to aim at further power?

A. It is probable, that he might not have intended to have carried his rebellious arms so far at first, but he soon convinced the world what he would do when he obtained the power.

Q. Did he not style himself Servant of Servants?

A. He did, but acted as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Phocas the Emperor examined by the Solicitor-General.

This witness being a prisoner, was brought into court attended by two of the keepers of the black gulf, and made a most awful and terrific appearance.

Q. Are you *Phocas* the Roman Emperor?

A. Yes. My name is *Phocas*, and I am called Emperor of *Rome.*

Q. Did you know the Prisoner at the bar, at Rome?

A. Alas I did, to my sorrow.

Q. Will you relate to the court, what you knew of the Prisoner, during your residence at *Rome?*

A. I am compelled to do it by the constraining hand of Justice. And I look forward with terror, to that great and tremendous day, when the Judge of the world will constrain me to make a more public declaration. When I came to the throne, which I obtained by means, the reflection of which adds to my misery, the Prisoner at the bar, then Bishop of *Rome*, so insinuated himself into my favour, that I readily granted his request, and by an *edict* established him by the title of *Universal Bishop.* I was led to this measure by my ignorance of the real motives of the Prisoner and of true religion. And as I detested the bishop of *Constantinople*, and stood in need of the Prisoner's influence, sanctioned his claim.

Q. He was therefore, principally by you, established in his supremacy?

A. Yes.

Cardinal Baronius examined by

Mr. Impartiality.

Q. Do you know the Prisoner at the bar?

A. Yes, I am intimately acquainted with him, as thousands know by my writings.

Q. Of what religion are you?

A. I am a rigid Roman Catholic, and have long acted by the Prisoner's authority.

Q. Are you acquainted with the way and manner in which the Prisoner first obtained the title of Universal Bishop?

A. I wrote and published to the world, that *Phocas* the Emperor, after he murdered *Mauritius* and family, and usurped the government, established *Boniface* III. Pope of *Rome*, by the title of Universal Bishop. *Anastasius* and *Paul Diacon* wrote nearly the same, and many have confirmed the testimony I have given.*

The *Clerk of the Crown* then read the following extracts which had the Prisoner's signature to them.

" *Christ* made *Peter* the chief, that from him as from a certain head he might diffuse, as it were, his gifts into the whole body; for that having taken him in CONSORTIUM INDIVIDUÆ TRINITATIS into the partnership of the UNDIVIDED TRINITY; he would have called him that which

* See Anastasius, *Devitis Pontificum*. Paul Diacon, *Derebus gestis Longobard.* lib. iv. cap. 34. in Muratorii *Scriptor. rerum Italtear.* tom. i. p. 46.

the Lord himself was, saying, Thou art *Peter*, and upon *this Rock* I will build my Church."*

Signed, *Boniface* VIII.

"*Peter*, saith St. *Bernard*, walking upon the waters as Christ did, declared himself the *only Vicar of Christ:* which should be Ruler, not over one people, but over *all.* For many waters are many people. And from hence he deduceth the like authority and jurisdiction, to his Successor, the Bishop of Rome."

Note on Matt. xiv. 29, Rhemist's New Test. *published by the Pope's authority.*

Mr. *Historical Truth* was then further examined by the *Attorney-General.*

Q. Are you acquainted with the Prisoner's hand-writing?

A. Perfectly so.

Q. Do you believe that this is the hand-writing of the Prisoner at the bar?

(The papers were then delivered to him.)

A. I do believe it is. He never disowned it. Many thousand copies have been published by his orders.

Q. Did you ever know the Prisoner to make similar declarations in support of his supremacy?

A. Yes. If I should relate all that I have taken notes of, none in this court could survive half the time it would take to read them.

Q. Is the Prisoner owned as *Lord* and *Sovereign* by those who act under him, called *Bishops* or *Priests?*

* Sexti Decret. L. 1. Tit. 6. cap. 17.

A. Such take an oath at their consecration (so called) that they will from that time forward, be faithful to St. *Peter*, and to the Holy Roman Church, and to their *Lord* the *Pope*, and his successors canonically entered; to help them to defend and to keep the *Papacy*, and the rules of the *Fathers*. And they not only swear to be *faithful*, but also to be *obedient*. And not only to endeavour to *preserve* and *defend* the *Rights*, *Honours*, *Privileges*, and *Authorities* of the *Pope*, but to increase and advance them, and to the utmost of their power, to cause the *Pope's* commands to be observed, by others as well as themselves. The first part of the oath I have alluded to was framed when the Prisoner called himself by the name of *Pope Gregory* VII.* but several additions have since been made.

Q. When the prisoner was known by that name, did he not give more evident proof of his rebellious authority, than ever had been known before?

A. He did: when he was known my the name of *Hildebrand*, or, as he was often called, *Hellbrand*, on account of his tyrannical disposition, he planned the most traitorous designs, which he afterwards brought into effect, though not to the extent of his ambitious views. By the name of *Gregory* VII. he became outrageous, and impiously attempted to subjugate to his jurisdiction, the Emperors, Kings, and Princes of the

* See the *Decretal*, L. 2 *Tit.* 24. C. 4

earth, and to render their dominions tributary to him at *Rome*. Such infamous behaviour has often been called by his deluded followers, his pious and apostolic exploits. His government was one continued scene of tumult and slaughter.

I need only refer to his own epistles, signed by his name, to prove more of his traitorous conduct than it would be proper for me now to trouble the court with. I shall briefly state, that he drew up an oath for the King or Emperor of the Romans, from whom he demanded a profession of subjection and allegiance.* It is a well known fact, that *France*, deceived by the subtilty of the Prisoner, contributed more than all other nations to the establishment of his dignity and dominions. Yet he pretended that this kingdom was tributary to him, and commanded his Legates to demand yearly, in the most solemn manner, the payment of that tribute. He wrote an insolent letter to *Philip* I. King of *France*, to whom he recommended an humble and obliging carriage, from the consideration that both his kingdom and his soul were under his dominion, who had the power to bind and loose him both in heaven and earth! Nothing escaped his all-grasping ambition, he pretended that *Saxony* was a feudal tenure, held in subjection to him, to whom it had been formerly yielded by *Charlemagne*, as a pious offering to St. *Peter*. He also extended his pretensions to the Kingdoms of *Spain* and *England*, and

* See Book ix of his Epistles, Epist. 3.

other countries; and had his success been equal to the extent of his insolent views, all the kingdoms of Europe would have been tributary to the Prisoner, on the pretext of his being the Vicar of Christ, and Prince over all nations and kingdoms.

Q. Did he not, in the exercise of his rebellious authority, depose Kings and Princes when called by this name?

A. He deposed and treated in the most shameful manner the Emperor *Henry* IV. And he dethroned *Basilaus* II. King of *Poland* with all the circumstances of infamy that he could invent. After pulling him from his throne, he dissolved the oath of allegiance which his subjects had taken; and by an express and an imperious edict, prohibited the nobles to elect a new king without his approbation. *Demetrius Suinimez*, Duke of *Croatia* and *Dalmatia*, was raised by the Prisoner to the rank and prerogatives of royalty, in the year 1076, and solemnly proclaimed King by his Legate at *Salona*, upon conditions that he should pay an annual tribute of two hundred pieces of gold to him as to St. *Peter*, at every *Easter*.

Q. Did he not call himself by a variety of high and imperious titles?

A. Yes: he not only assumed the appellation of Universal Bishop, but also Sovereign Pontiff, Christ's Vicar, Prince of the Apostles, God on Earth, Lord God the Pope, His Holiness, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Prince over all Nations and Kingdoms, The Most Holy and Most Blessed, Master of the Universal World, Father

of Kings, Light of the World, Most High and Sovereign Bishop, &c. &c.* And he has frequently declared that his power extended to things Terrestrial, Celestial, and Infernal. He also presumed to qualify and invest with the same ability, the different orders of priests who act under his rebellious government.

Q. Has not the Prisoner at the bar claimed adoration from the very creatures who elected him?

A. He has; when he was occasionally elected, he was clothed with (what is called) the Pontifical Robes, and crowned and placed upon the altar. The Cardinals then kiss his feet, and this impious ceremony is called *Adoration.* They first elect, and then they worship him. When the Prisoner was known by the name of *Pope Martin* V. on the the medals of him then coined, two are represented crowning the Pope, and two kneeling before him with this inscription, "*Quem creant adorant*, Whom they create they adore."† When he was elected by this name, the Emperor *Sigismund* kneeled down before the whole Council of Constance; kissed his feet, and worshipped him. It is a fact universally known, that deluded by the artifice of the Prisoner, several Emperors and Kings have thought it an honour to kiss his toe, being misled by his as sumed titles of Vicar of Christ, &c.

* See *Council of Siena*, printed at Paris 1612. *Pius* V. bull to Queen Elizibeth. *Newton* on the Prophecies, vol. ii. p. 366. *Mosh.* Eccl. Hist. *Edwards's* Hist. Redemption, &c.

† *Bonanni Numismat. Pontific Romanor* Daubuz, p. 381. *Mosh.* Abr. Eccl. Hist. 2 vol. p. 352. Dub. Edit.

Cross-examined by Mr. *Equivocator*.

Q. You say, that the Prisoner at the bar was elected by cardinals who adored him?

A. I do say that he was so elected; and that they did adore him.

Q. Did you not say before, that he usurped the title, and engaged *Phocas* the Emperor to establish him in his Government?

A. I did, and I assert the same now. The Prisoner first obtained his supremacy, in the way before stated to the court. But afterwards procured himself to be elected and crowned by those who were deeply interested in the establishment of his authority. He was therefore elected by different means, and as often as he changed his name some ceremony took place.

Q. Then you say, that the ceremony or mode of his election, which you have stated has existed among a variety of others, but you cannot say *when* this form was in practice? You have heard some report about it, and you have no objection on your oath to assert it!

A. I can not only declare on my oath, that this mode of election has been adopted, but I have the Prisoner's own hand-writing to prove it. In the year of our Lord 1179, he assembled a Council at *Rome*, called *The third Council of the Lateran*. He then, by the name of *Pope Alexander* III. decreed, "That in order to put an end to the confusion and dissensions which so often accompanied the election of the Roman Pontiff, the right of election should not only be vested in

the Cardinals alone, but also that the person in whose favour two-thirds of the College of Cardinals vested, should be considered as the lawful, and duly elected Pontiff." This decree alone is sufficient to prove, that before the year 1179, other forms of election did exist, and that they were frequently accompanied with confusion and disorder. And I believe that the Prisoner himself will not contradict what I say, when I assert that *this* law was made by him, and is yet in force.

The decree being shown to the Prisoner, he acknowledged that it looked like one which he had framed at *Rome*.

Here the Clerk of the Court read the following paper, written and published by the Prisoner, by the name of *Pope Innocent* III.*

"We may, according to the fulness of our power, dispose of the law, and dispense above the law. (From an Epistle.) Those whom the Bishop of *Rome* doth separate, it is not a *man* that separateth them but GOD! For the POPE holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man, but of TRUE GOD!—That He hath celestial Governments, and therefore may change the nature of things, applying the substance of the one to the other, of nothing can create something, and a decree that is void, *he* can make it in force; for in matters that *he* will have come to pass, *his* will is *his* reason: and no man questioneth him, wherefore do you that? For *he* can dispense above the law, and of *Injustice* can make *Justice*."

* First Book of Gregory, 9 Decret. C. 3.

Cardinal Bellarmine Sworn.

Q. Are you the *Bellarmine* that wrote what is called Fifteen Marks of the True Church, to prove the Church of *Rome* the only true Church, &c.?

A. I am.

Q. Do you know the Prisoner at the bar?

A. Yes, I am intimately acquainted with him.

Q. Are you not a Roman Catholic by profession?

A. I am.

Q. Did you not write and publish several books, to vindicate his authority?

A. I did.

Q. Did you publish in your 4th book *de Pontiff*, as follows: "In good sense and judgment, Christ hath given to *Peter*, (and consequently to the Pope) the power of making that to be sin, which is no sin, and that which is not sin, to be sin?"

A. Let me see the copy.

It was shown to him.

Q. Do you acknowledge it to be your own writing and publishing?

A. I do acknowledge it.

Q. Did you publish this book, with others, by the Prisoner's authority?

A. I did. I acted by his commission, and was supported by his government.

A number of Emperors, Kings, and Princes were now called as witnesses, who were either excommunicated, or deposed, or dethroned, or

assassinated by the Prisoner. Some appeared also who were otherwise treated. And perhaps a greater number of crowned heads never appeared in any Court before.

Phillipicus Bardanes, Emperor of the Greeks, Sworn.

Q. Do you know the Prisoner at the bar?

A. I do. He lived at *Rome* when I knew him.

Q. Did he ever presume to usurp any authority, as the Vicar of Christ?

A. He did; within a little better than a century, after he first obtained the title of Universal Bishop, he excommunicated and condemned me.

Q. Will you relate to the court, the pretext assigned by the Prisoner for his conduct to you?

A. I ordered a picture which represented the VI. General Council to be pulled down from its place, in the Church called St. *Sophia* in *Constantinople.* And as I perceived the people fast verging to the worship of Images, I sent to *Rome* a mandate to remove all Images of that nature from places of worship. The Prisoner, who then went by the name of *Constantine* the *Universal Bishop,* immediately opposed my decree, ordered six pictures of Councils to be placed up in the porch of St. *Peter's,* assembled a Council at *Rome,* and condemned me as an Apostate. Tumult and insurrections followed as the consequences, which the year following deprived me of the Imperial Throne.

Q. Was the Prisoner at the time he condemned you, established as a Temporal Prince at *Rome?*

A. No, he was not. But from the time he obtained his supremacy, he always appeared to be aspiring after it. He was subject to me as his Emperor.

Emperor Leo, the Isaurian, Sworn.

Q. Did you not profess to be a great enemy to the worship of Images?

A. I did. What the Emperor *Bardanes* begun I resolutely carried on.

Q. Did the Prisoner at the bar ever presume to contradict your *edicts*, and exercise authority over you, as the Vicar of Christ?

A. He did. I issued out an edict in the year 726, to forbid the worshipping of Images, and also to remove them all, except that of Christ's Crucifixion, from all places of worship. The Prisoner then opposed me in the most outrageous manner. He passed a sentence of Excommunication against me, and declared me unworthy of the Christian name. No sooner was this formidable sentence made public, than the *Roman* and other Italian Princes, subject to me, violated their allegiance, and rising in arms, either massacred or banished all my deputies or officers.

Q. Will you relate to the Court some of the effects that followed?

A. When I first proclaimed my decree, a number of my subjects, who were deluded by the Priests and Monks, who acted for him, raised in rebellion the islands of *Archipelago*, ravaged a part of *Asia*, and afterwards reached *Italy*. The Prisoner (who was the author and ringleader of

these civil commotions and insurrections,) had ordered me to revoke my *edict* against Images, and upon my refusing, his anathemas followed. However, being exasperated by these violent proceedings of this haughty Pontiff, I resolved to make him and his *Italian* rebels feel my displeasure; but I failed in the attempt. More irritated than discouraged by this disappointment, I assembled a Council at *Constantinople*, ordered all Images to be burnt, and inflicted a variety of punishments upon such as were attached to that idolatrous worship. The deluded followers of the Prisoner, being supported by him, continued to rebel. And at last it ended, after much blood being spilt, in the Italian provinces, being torn from the Greek Empire.

Q. What name did the prisoner go by, when you knew him?

A. He was known by the name of *Constantine*, afterwards he assumed that of *Gregory* I. and *Gregory* II.

Emperor Constantine, Sworn.

Q. In what year did you succeed to the Imperial Throne?

A. In the year of our Lord 741. I am the son of *Leo*, who resigned his sceptre to me.

Q. Are you acquainted with the conduct manifested by the Prisoner at the bar to your Father, and did he presume to treat you in the same manner?

A. I recollect his base conduct to my Father. He was excommunicated; all his subjects in *Italy*

were absolved from the obligations of the oath of allegiance which they had taken, and prohibited from paying tribute to, or showing him any marks of submission and obedience. I followed my Father's steps, and in a Council assembled at *Constantinople*, in the year 754, condemned both the worship and use of Images. I met with the same treatment from the Prisoner, as my Father did, while I endeavoured to the utmost of my power, to extirpate idolatry from my dominions.

Q. Did the Prisoner excommunicate you by the same name as he did your Father?

A. His Ecclesiastical interdict was sent forth, first by the name of *Gregory* II. and afterwards *Gregory* III.

Emperor Leo IV. Sworn.

Q. Look at the Prisoner at the bar. Do you know him, and by what name do you know him?

A. I do know him. He lived at *Rome*, and was known by the name of *Pope Adrian*.

Q. In what year was you declared Emperor?

A. In the year 755.

Q. Did you continue long on the Imperial Throne?

A. No. Only about five years. Three Emperors who preceded me had zealously opposed Image worship, and I followed their example. But a cup of poison, administered by the impious counsel of my perfidious and profligate wife *Irene*, rendered me incapable of performing the functions of royalty. The Prisoner and my wife

perceiving me disqualified to govern the Empire, as I was considered dead; they entered into an alliance, to abrogate all the imperial laws against idolatry. They summoned a Council at *Nice* in *Bithynia*, restored the worship of Images, and denounced severe punishments against such as maintained that God was the only object of religious worship. The other enormities of the flagitious *Irene*, and her deserved fate, I need not state to the Court.

Childeric King of France, Sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner at the Bar, under pretext that he was Christ's Vicar, depose you, and place another person on your throne?

A. He did. In the year 751, when he called himself *Pope Zachary* I. Vicar of Christ, &c.

Q. Will you relate to the Court some of the leading particulars of that transaction?

A. In the year I before noticed, one *Pepin*, who was mayor, aspired to the throne, and in an assembly by him collected, proposed the design of dethroning his sovereign. It was then agreed, that the Roman Pontiff should be first consulted, and accordingly an ambassador was sent by *Pepin* to *Rome*, with the following question: "Whether the divine law did not permit a valiant and warlike people, to dethrone a pusillanimous and indolent monarch, who was incapable of discharging any of the functions of royalty, and to substitute in his place one more worthy to rule, and who had already rendered most important services to the

state?"* The Prisoner then decreed *Pepin* to be King of *France*, and as soon as the decision of the *Pope* was published in *France*, I was stript of royalty, *Pepin* ascended the throne, and was anointed by his *Legate* at *Soissons*. Soon after this the Prisoner assumed the title of Pope *Stephen* II. when he came into *France* to solicit assistance to fight against the *Lombards*. He then dissolved the obligation of the oath of allegiance that *Pepin* had sworn to me, and which he had violated by his usurpation. And to render his crown pretendedly sacred, he anointed him a second time, with his wife and two sons. *Pepin*, in return, fought for the Prisoner with a numerous army against the *Lombards*, and in the year following established him as a temporal Prince.†

Q. Do you recollect in what year the Prisoner came into *France*, and anointed *Pepin*?

A. In the year 754.

Q. Then he never was properly established as a temporal Prince till the year of our Lord 755. And he obtained both his spiritual and temporal authority, it appears, by usurpers like himself?

A. He never was owned as a temporal Prince till the year 755, and after that, he carried two swords, to signify both his terrestrial and celestial power, which he had blended together.

* See *Bossuet Defens. Declarations Cleri Gallicani*, Part I. p. 225, &c. Mosh. Eccl. Hist.

† Car. Sigonius, de regno Italiæ. lib. iii. p. 202. tom. ii. op.

Henry IV. Emperor, sworn.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the Prisoner at the bar?

A. I have. I have reason to know him, and so have many thousands. When I knew him he was called *Pope Gregory* III.

Q. What authority did he arrogate over you, as Christ's Vicegerent on earth?

A. He claimed the power of appointing all persons to ecclesiastical dignities, while my subjects were to support them within my empire, at a very heavy expense. From a prevailing custom, Emperors and Kings had long considered themselves empowered to act independently in this case, and appoint whom they thought proper. I refused to give up my right as Emperor, and he persisted in the most insolent manner to demand my submission. Had the German Princes seconded my claim, it is more than probable he would have been compelled to desist from his demands. But, as nearly all Germany were then his devoted slaves, and civil discord divided the Empire, the imperious Pontiff ordered me to repair to *Rome* immediately, and clear myself of various crimes laid to my charge.

I absolutely refused to obey his summons, but assembled a Council of German Bishops at *Worms*. Before this Council the Prisoner was charged justly, with several flagitious practices, deposed from his Pontificate, of which he was declared unworthy. He no sooner received information of what was done at *Worms*, but with all the violence

possible, he thundered out his Anathemas on my head, to exclude me from the throne, and absolve all my subjects from their oath of allegiance to me, as their lawful Sovereign. This he did in the name of the Vicar of Christ and Prince over all Nations, and no terms are sufficient to express the complicated scenes of misery that arose through the war which then took place, between the civil and ecclesiastical powers.

The *Suabian* chiefs, with Duke *Rodolph* at their head, then revolted from me; and the *Saxon* Princes followed their example. These united powers were requested by the Prisoner to elect a new Emperor; and accordingly they met at *Tribur* in the year 1076, to take counsel together. The result of this meeting was, the case being referred to the Prisoner, he was to be invited to a Congress at *Augsburg*. To various rigorous conditions imposed on me, they added, that I must forfeit the kingdom, if, within the space of a year I was not restored to the bosom of the Church, and delivered from the anathema that lay on my head.

When things came to this extremity, and grew worse and worse every day, I was advised to go into *Italy*, and implore in person the clemency of the Roman Pontiff. I yielded to the ignominious counsel, passed the *Alps* amidst the rigour of a severe winter, and arrived in the month of February, 1077. Immediately I repaired to the fortress of *Canusium*, where the Prisoner, as the pretended sanctimonious Vicar of Christ, at that

time resided, with a young woman named *Matilda, Countess of Tuscany*, and the most powerful patroness of his church. At the entrance of this fortress I stood three days in the open air, without the least regard paid by the Prisoner to my situation. My feet were bare, my head uncovered, and my only raiment was a wretched piece of coarse woollen cloth, which was thrown over my body to cover my nakedness.

On the fourth day I was admitted into the presence of the lordly Pontiff, who with much difficulty granted me absolution, but he refused to restore me to the throne till the Congress met. After this, my eyes being enlightened to discover much of his wickedness, I opposed him with force of arms to the utmost of my power. I therefore was, by him, excommunicated a second time, and *Rodolph* was declared lawful Emperor. My arms however were yet victorious; I slew *Rodolph* in battle, and took the Pope prisoner. But being betrayed by my own son, I was compelled to resign my crown.

Basilaus II. *King of Poland*, sworn.

Q. Do you recollect the Prisoner at the bar?

A. I do very well.

Q. What name do you know him by?

A. By the name of *Pope Gregory* VII.

Q. Did he ever presume to usurp authority over you in *Poland?*

A. He did. I was legally elected to the throne by the Nobles of *Poland*, and as regularly crowned. But some time after, through the death of

one of his bishops, the Prisoner not only excommunicated me with all the circumstances of infamy that he could invent, but also hurled me from the throne, dissolved the oath of allegiance which my subjects had taken, and by an express and imperious edict, prohibited the nobles and clergy of *Poland* from electing a new king without his consent.*

Leopold, Duke of Austria, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner at the bar excommunicate and anathematize you, claiming that authority as Christ's Vicegerent on earth?

A. He did: he assumed the same power over me as over all princes, arrogating to himself this authority as the Vicar of Christ.

Q. What name did he go by when you knew him?

A. By the name of Pope *Celestine* III. he went by that name almost at the close of the twelfth century.

Henry VI. Emperor, sworn.

Q. Was you not excommunicated and condemned by the Prisoner, at the same time with *Leopold* Duke of *Austria*?

A. I was. The Prisoner at the bar had sent *Richard* I. King of England, to fight for him in the Holy Land. But on his returning home, *Leopold* and I seized and made him Prisoner. The consequence was, we were both excommunicated together.

* See Dlugossi Hist. Polon. tom i. p. 295.

Q. Did he do it in the name of the Vicar of Christ?

A. He did.

Allphonso X. *King of Galicia* and *Leon*, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner at the bar excommunicate and anathematize you, by the name of Pope *Celestine* III.?

A. He did; it was on account of a marriage into which I had entered.

John, King of England, sworn.

Q. Of what religion are you?

A. I have long professed the Roman Catholic religion, though I have differed much from the Prisoner on account of his base conduct towards me.

Q. Will you relate to the Court what you know of the Prisoner's assumed authority over you, as the Vicar of Christ, &c.?

A. When I knew the Prisoner, he went by the name of Pope *Innocent* III. At that time he ordered the Monks of *Canterbury* to choose one *Stephen Langton*, a Cardinal, to be Archbishop, after a regular election had been made by the Convent, and confirmed by me. I objected to his being received, and wrote to the Prisoner, informing him of the consequences, in case he persisted in his demand. He then sent orders to some of his Bishops to lay the kingdom under an interdict, unless I received *Langton*. Such was my ignorance of real religion, and the deluded state of *Europe*, that I was unwilling to break off entirely my connexion with him. I therefore

agreed to confirm the election made at *Rome*, but not making such concessions as the Prisoner demanded, the interdict was proclaimed, all the places of worship shut up for three years, and the dead buried in the highways, without the ordinary rights of interment.

This not producing the desired effect, he denounced a sentence of excommunication against me in the year 1208. This was followed about three years after, by another Bull, absolving all my subjects from their oath of allegiance, and ordering all persons to avoid me on pain of the same displeasure. But in the year 1212, he assembled a Council of his Cardinals and Prelates, deposed me, and declared the throne of *England* vacant. He then wrote to the King of *France* to undertake the conquest of *Britain*, and unite it to his for ever. At the same time he sent out another Bull, exhorting all Christian Princes to join in the expedition, promising all who did, the same Indulgence he had granted for fighting against the Infidels.

The French Monarch obeyed the Prisoner, and collected a large army for the invasion, while I did all I could to repel it. But when at *Dover* I met his artful Legate, he so terrified me by the report he gave me of the strength of the French army, and the disaffection of my own, that I agreed to a shameful submission, and resigned my crown to the Legate. I then took an oath of obedience, and delivered up my kingdom to the Papal jurisdiction. I was also obliged to promise for myself

and heirs, to pay an annual sum of seven hundred marks for *England*, and three hundred for *Ireland*; and in case any of my successors should refuse to own the Pope's supremacy over *England*, or should object to pay the submission then required, they should forfeit their right to the British Crown. In doing homage to the Pope, before his representative, the Legate, I presented a large sum of money, which he trampled, with all the arrogance possible, under his feet, as a mark of my dependence; but not satisfied with this, he retained my crown and sceptre five days, and then gave them to me, as a special gift from the Prisoner, then called his Holiness the Pope of *Rome*.

Cross-examined by Mr. *Jesuit*.

Q. Did you not publicly declare, when you signed the conditions on which you received the crown, that you had neither been compelled to this measure by fear or force, but that it was your *own* voluntary act, done by the advice of the Barons of the Kingdom?

A. I acknowledge I did sign such a declaration, but my long resistance proves it was never my voluntary act. The Barons also despised me for what I did. But such was the confused state of things in England, that I was glad to sign any thing.

Philip, Duke of Suabia, sworn.

Q. Was there not a dispute between you and *Otho* IV. respecting the right to the Empire of *Germany*? And did not the Prisoner at the bar interfere on this occasion, arrogating to himself

authority, as Vicar of Christ, and sovereign of the world?

A. There was such a dispute, and the Prisoner did presume to settle the same as Vicar of Christ on earth. He therefore thundered out his excommunications against me, and espoused the cause of *Otho*.

Q. What name did he go by then?

A. Pope *Innocent* III.

Otho IV. Emperor, sworn.

Q. Did the Prisoner at the bar justify your claim, and establish you as an Emperor of *Germany*, in opposition to *Philip*?

A. Yes. He sanctioned my claim, and supported it, till the death of *Philip*, which happened in the year 1209, after which he excommunicated and deposed me, and placed on the imperial throne *Frederic* II. my pupil, in the year 1212. The Prisoner then went by the name of Pope *Innocent* III.

Philip Augustus, King of France, sworn.

Q. Do you know the Prisoner at the bar, and by what name was he called when you knew him?

A. I knew him well. He went by the name of Pope *Innocent* III.

Q. Was you not anathematized and excommunicated by him?

A. I was, for a divorce from *Ingerberg*, a Princess of *Denmark*.

Frederic II. *Emperor*, sworn.

Q. Did you not take a very active part in the

wars in Palestine, known by the name of the Crusades?

A. Yes. I had the command of an army given to me by the Prisoner at the bar, when he went by the name of Pope *Gregory* IX. I set out on the expedition, in the year 1228, and was crowned King of *Jerusalem*.

Q. Did not the Prisoner excommunicate you, under the pretext of disobedience to his authority as Vicar of Christ?

A. He did, by different names. First, when he assumed the title of Pope *Gregory* IX. because I delayed to go on his expedition; which *bull* was drawn up in the most indecent and outrageous language. But I was so devoted to the service of the Prisoner, that I set out, and arrived with a large army in the Holy Land, in the year 1228. But how great was my surprise, when I heard, that after my departure, this pretended Vicar of Christ had made war against me in *Apulia*, and was using his utmost efforts to arm all the European powers to join him. As soon as I heard of these perfidious and violent proceedings, I returned to Europe in the year 1229, defeated the Papal army, and retook the places I had lost in *Sicily* and *Italy*. After this I was induced to make peace with the Prisoner, and he gave me public absolution.

This peace, however, was but of a short duration; for it was not possible that I could long bear the insolent proceedings, and the imperious tem-

per of this headstrong Pontiff. I broke therefore all alliance with him, and was no longer considered friendly to his ambitious authority. This, with other steps, that were equally provoking to his avarice and ambition, drew the thunders of the Vatican anew upon my head, in the year 1239. He therefore excommunicated me publicly, with all the circumstances of severity that vindictive rage could invent, and I was charged with the most flagitious crimes and impious blasphemies, by the outrageous Pontiff. He then sent a copy of this terrible accusation to all the courts of *Europe*, while my victorious arms maintained my ground, and reduced him to the greatest straits.

To get rid of these difficulties, under which the Prisoner laboured through his ambition, he convened, in the year 1740, a general council at *Rome*, with a view to depose me by the unanimous suffrages of his Cardinals and Prelates, that were to compose that assembly. But I disconcerted that audacious project, by defeating, in the year 1241, a Genoese fleet; on board of which the greater part of these Prelates were embarked. I committed to confinement these *reverend Fathers*, and seized all their treasures, which disappointment, attended with others, so dejected the Prisoner, that he changed his name to that of *Celestine* IV.

He had scarcely assumed this new title, before he claimed another, that of Pope *Innocent* IV. but although he had altered his appellation, his arrogance and fury remained the same. However, by this new name he proposed terms of

peace, but they were too imperious and extravagant not to be rejected with indignation. The Prisoner, not thinking his person safe in any part of *Italy*, set out for *Genoa*, and afterwards for *Lyons*, in the year 1244. Here he assembled a council the following year, when he deposed me, and declared the Imperial throne vacant.

This unjust and insolent measure was regarded with such veneration, and looked upon as so weighty by the German Princes, who were blinded and seduced by the superstition of the times, that they proceeded instantly to a new election. *Henry*, *Landgrave* of *Thuringia*, was therefore first elected, and after his death, *William*, Count of *Holland*, to the head of the empire. Far from being dejected by these cruel vicissitudes, I continued to carry on the war in *Italy*, and oppose the Prisoner to the utmost of my power, until a violent dysentery disabled me from taking the command of my army, on the 13th of December, 1250, in *Apulia*.

Cross-examined by Counsellor Quibble.

Q. You say, that *Innocent* IV. proposed conditions of peace, that were too imperious for you to submit to. Do you know what they were?

A. Yes. I certainly do, very well.

Q. What were they?

A. The preliminary conditions were, *First*, That I should give up entirely to the Church the inheritance which was left to it by *Matilda*. And *Secondly*, that I should oblige myself to submit to whatever terms the *Pope* or Prisoner at the bar should think fit to propose, as conditions of peace.

Philip, King of France, sworn.

Q. What name did the Prisoner at the bar assume when you knew him?

A. Several. I knew him when he was called Pope *Boniface* VIII. Pope *Benedict* XI. and Pope *Clement* V.

Q. Will you relate to the Court what you knew of him in *France*, during your reign?

A. About the beginning of the fourteenth century, when the Prisoner was known by the title of Pope *Boniface* VIII. he sent me one of the haughtiest letters imaginable, in which he asserted that I, with all other Kings and Princes whatever, were obliged by a divine command, to submit to the authority of the Pope, in all political and civil matters, as well as religious. I answered him in terms expressive of contempt. He rejoined with more arrogance than ever, and in that *famous Bull, Unum Sanctum*, which he published at this time, he asserted, that Christ Jesus had granted a twofold power to the Church, or the *spiritual* and *temporal* sword to him. And also, that he had subjected the whole human race to his authority, as Roman Pontiff, and that whoever dared to disbelieve it, were to be deemed heretics, and stood excluded from all possibility of salvation.* And he maintained, in express terms, that the Universal Church was under his dominions; and that Princes and Lay-patrons, Councils, and Chapters, had no more power in spiritual things

* This Bull is yet extant in the *Corpus Juris Canon. Extravagants Com.* lib. 1. tit. *De marjoritate et obedientia.*

than what they derived from him, as Vicar of Christ.

I then assembled together the Peers of *France*, in the year 1308. And although several Princes had failed in the attempt to check his ambition, I resolved to try. I ordered *William de Nogaret*, a celebrated lawyer, to draw up accusations against him, publicly charging him with heresies, simony, and many vices, demanding a Council to depose such an execrable Pope. Immediately after this, he excommunicated me and all my adherents.

Far from being terrified by any papal thunder, I again assembled the states of the kingdom, to sit in judgment upon him. After which I sent *William de Nogaret*, the lawyer, to seize him and bring him a prisoner to *Lyons*. *Boniface*, who then lived in perfect security at *Anagni*, was taken agreeable to order, by this resolute man, but being rescued by the inhabitants, he soon changed his name, through the illness, occasioned by the rage into which the lawyer had thrown him.

Emperor *Sigismund*, sworn.

Q. Do you not profess the Roman Catholic Religion?

A. I have long professed to be a Roman Catholic, and I confess I have been so deluded, that I have even worshipped the Prisoner at the bar.

Q. Do you recollect attending a rebellious convention, called the *Council* of *Constance*, convened by the Prisoner?

A. I do. It was at *Constance*, was opened in

the year 1414, and sat about three years and a half.

Q. Do you know the reason assigned for calling this Council?

A. I do. It was principally to heal the divisions which had long rent the Church. But there were others.

Q. Will you relate to the court some of the principal disorders that were then thought to require a remedy?

A. I will. When I came to the imperial throne, I found the Church called after the name of the Prisoner, divided into two great factions, and was governed by two who professed to be the Pontiff and Vicar of Christ. The Prisoner, then at *Rome*, went by the name of Pope *Boniface* IX. and the other, who resided at *Avignon*, by that of Pope *Benedict* XIII. Soon after this, the Prisoner assumed a new title, that of Pope *Innocent* VII. and in about two years after another, and was called Pope *Gregory* XII. *Benedict* being besieged in *Avignon*, by the King of *France*, escaped, first to *Catalonia*, and afterwards to *Perpignan*, but did not relinquish his pretension to the *Popedom*.

A plan of reconciliation was however formed, and the two contending Pontiffs bound themselves, each by an oath, to make a voluntary renunciation of the papal chair, if necessary for the peace and welfare of the church. This agreement they both violated in the most scandalous manner. Eight or nine Cardinals deserted *Benedict*, on ac-

count of his place of residence, and united themselves to the others who espoused the claims of the Prisoner, when they agreed to assemble a council at *Pisa*, on the 25th of *March*; 1409. This assembly accordingly met, and on the 5th of *June* pronounced a heavy sentence of condemnation on both their names, for being guilty of *heresy*, *perjury*, and various crimes. They also declared them unworthy of the smallest honour or respect.

But however strange it may appear to the Court, they proceeded to elect the Prisoner, by a new title, known in the papal list, by the name of Pope *Alexander* V. which, so far from promoting peace in the Empire, divided the people into three divisions, and hurled all Europe into confusion. The King of *France*, and several other Princes, laboured with me to restore tranquillity, I requested the Prisoner to call a council, who having in about a year assumed the appellation of Pope *John* XXIII. he consented, and accordingly issued out his summons to meet at *Constance* in the month of November, 1414.

Before the meeting of this council, there were great commotions in several parts of Europe, but more especially in *Bohemia*, about religion. There was one *John Huss*, once a Priest under the Prisoner, and Professor of Divinity in the University of *Prague*, who preached with great freedom against the Supremacy, Government, Vices, and Wickedness of the Prisoner and his Clergy, against whom he manifested the firmest opposition. He was a man of the highest reputation for the

purity of his doctrine and life, so that no other charge could be brought to oppose him but his opposition to the Prisoner's authority. The Archbishop of *Prague* and the Clergy in general were so greatly incensed, that they brought an accusation against him before the Prisoner, and he was excommunicated in the year 1410.

Huss, however, continued to preach in the same manner, and many embracing his doctrine, he was ordered to repair to the Council at *Constance*, to answer to the charges brought against him. I knew well that his appearance would be attended with danger to his person, as I was confident that he had many enemies to encounter with. I therefore granted him a safe conduct to *Constance*, security while he continued there, and every protection on his return, on his consenting to attend; all of which I promised in the most solemn manner. He obeyed the summons, and vindicated his conduct before the Council in a manner that greatly surprised his adversaries. But, he was declared to be an *heretic*, was cast into prison, and condemned to be burnt. I pleaded my solemn promise to secure him from injury, but it was overruled: when, to satisfy my guilty conscience, and remove every impediment out of the way in future, a law was framed, that *Faith must not be kept with heretics.** He was therefore burnt on the 6th of July, 1415.

Q. Was there not another also condemned by the same Council, and burnt at the same place?

* Council of Constance, Sess. xix.

A. Yes; his name was *Jerome of Prague*, *John Huss's* companion and friend, who accompanied him to *Constance*, with the design of supporting his persecuted friend. He was burnt on the 30th of May following.

Q. Did you violate your oath, because that Council, or rebellious Convention, formed that infamous decree, in the name of the Vicar of Christ?

A. I confess I was awfully deluded. I knew nothing of the Laws and Statutes of the Sovereign of heaven. They were hid by his Priests from me. Could I only have seen the consequences that followed, it is more than probable I should never have violated my promise, as a civil war was kindled, and the *Bohemians* revolting, maintained and defended their opinions by arms as well as arguments.

Q. As you was present at that Council, or disaffected assembly; will you relate to the court what you know of the reasons why the Prisoner changed his name during the time the council sat?

A. When he yielded to my entreaty, as I before noticed, he summoned the Council, by the name of Pope *John* XXIII. but after the assembly met, they decreed, that the names of *Benedict* XIII. *Gregory* XII. and *John* XXIII. should be branded with infamy and contempt, especially one by which the council was collected, for having among other things laid to his charge, maintained openly and obstinately, that the souls of men die as the souls of beasts; and that there is neither heaven nor

hell.* It was then agreed that the Prisoner should be elected by a new and better title, which was done accordingly, and he assumed that of Pope *Martin* V. Vicar of Christ and Prince of the Apostles. And I confess that being deluded by him, I kneeled down, kissed his feet, and worshipped him.

Q. Do you recollect his sending ambassadors to *Constantinople* by this name, with some particular instructions?

A. I do.

Q. Do you know the Prisoner's handwriting?

A. I do.

Q. Did you ever see this paper before? (A paper produced to the witness.)

A. I have; it was written by the Prisoner, by the name of Pope *Martin* V.

The paper was then read, it was the instructions of the ambassadors sent to *Constantinople;* the beginning of which will show the impiety and arrogance of this Pontiff in a manner that could leave no doubt on the minds of any, if he had usurped the dignity and titles of our beloved Sovereign or not. It was as follows.

"The Most Holy and Most Blessed, who hath the Heavenly Empire, who is Lord on earth, the Master of the Universal World, the Father of Kings, the Light of the World, the Most High and Sovereign Bishop, Martin, by divine providence, commandeth unto Master *Anthony Mason*," *&c. &c.*

* See Council of Constance, Sess. xi.

Here the people appeared filled with indignation, and were so irritated, that the court could not proceed for several minutes. And it is probable, the Prisoner would have been dragged from the dock, and would have become the object of the vindictive rage of the populace, but for the *Lord Chief Justice*, who after obtaining silence, observed, that however hideous and numerous the offences of the Prisoner might be, it was just that he should have a fair and legal trial.

Mr. *Historical Truth*, again called.

Q. Do you know the handwriting of the Prisoner by the name of Pope *Martin* V.

A. I am well acquainted with it.

Q. Is this his writing? (Here it was shown him.)

A. It is.

Q. (From a Juror.) Did you ever see it printed?

A. I have. It is inserted in the Council of *Siena*, held a little after, and was printed in *Paris*, in the year 1612.

Lewis XII. *King of France*, sworn.

Q. Look at the Prisoner at the bar. Have you been acquainted with him?

A. I have been acquainted with him. He lived at *Rome* when I knew him, and was called Pope *Julius* II. Vicar of Christ and Prince of the Apostles.

Q. Did he not by this name assume a military appearance, and look more like a Warrior than a Priest?

A. He did. His delight was in carnage and blood.

Q. Was it to support his usurped authority he became a warrior?

A. The reason he appeared as a military Pontiff, was not only to support what power and authority he had unjustly acquired, but to extend his territories and government over all nations and kingdoms, agreeable to his title, Prince over all Nations and Kingdoms.

Q. Will you relate to the Court, what you recollect of his character and conduct, as the pretended Vicegerent of Christ?

A. When I first became acquainted with him, I understood that it was common for him every few years, if not weeks, to assume a new title. He therefore had been known by a prodigious number of names before he went by that of *Julius* II. By this name he was guilty of the most odious vices, too detestable to be named, but which he committed without the least limitation or restraint. To this truly horrid list of vices, I must add, the most savage ferocity, audacious arrogance, and the most extravagant passion for war. He therefore lived in camps, amidst the din of arms, and was ever ambitious for that fame which is acquired from battles won and cities laid desolate.

The Prisoner had kept a standing army, to fight his battles, from the year 1054, when he was known by the name of Pope *Leo* IX. and often

laid towns and villages in ruins, and deluged nations in human gore.

By the name of *Julius*, he entered on his military enterprise by declaring war against the *Venetians*, and being strengthened by the Emperor, in alliance with me, he afterwards laid siege to *Ferara*. After this he turned his arms against *France*, and engaged the *Venetians*, *Spaniards*, and *Swiss*, to support him in this campaign. In short, the whole time he went by this name was one continual scene of military tumult, nor did he allow Europe to enjoy a moment's tranquillity.

Q. Did you not endeavour to check his military career and set bounds to his ambition after the alliance was broken between you and him?

A. I did. For although I had been deluded into his religious opinions, and was considered a Roman Catholic, yet provoked by this arrogant Pontiff, I resolved to turn my arms against him, and if possible overthow the power of *Rome*. That my design might be clearly understood, I ordered a medal to be struck with a menacing inscription, representing Rome by the title of *Babylon* on the coin.

Several Cardinals also, encouraged by the protection of the Emperor *Maximilian* I. and me, assembled a Council at *Pisa* in the year 1511, with the design of setting bounds to the Prisoner, so formidable by this warlike name. He, on the other hand, gave orders for a Council to meet in the palace of the *Lateran* in the year 1512, in which the decrees of the Council of *Pisa* were condemned and annulled, in the most inju-

rious and insulting terms. He likewise prepared to proclaim his usurped power as the Vicar of Christ, and thunder out the most dire and tremendous *anathemas* on my head, but which he had scarcely accomplished, before he was compelled to change his audacious name, in the midst of his ambitious and vindictive career.*

Henry VIII. *King of England*, sworn.

Q. Are you the same King Henry that received from the Prisoner the title of *Defender of the Faith?*

A. I am.

Q. How came he to bestow on you that title?

A. At the time I owned his supremacy in *England*, I wrote a book against *Luther* and the Reformation in *Germany*. This I published in the year 1521, with intent to defend the power and government of the Roman Pontiff. He then in return gave me the title, which has been used from that day.

Q. Did he not after this anathematize, excommunicate, and deprive you for rejecting his supremacy in *England?*

A. He did. Being instructed in the principles of popery, I constantly looked to the Prisoner's absolving power, and unlimited indulgences. In the year 1533, I published a divorce with Queen *Catharine*, and married *Anne Boleyn*, without his consent: not but he would have granted my request, however criminal in its nature, but for fear of displeasing the Emperor of *Germany*, to whom

* See Father *Paul's* Hist. Council *Trent.* p. 3. *Mosh.* Eccl. Hist.

Catharine was aunt. The Prisoner then gave judgment against me, not for doing what I did, but for doing it without his authority as Vicar of Christ.

This proved the cause of my separation from him, for in the beginning of the year 1534, I issued out an *edict*, rejecting his supremacy, forbidding any of my subjects to carry any money to *Rome*, or pay the *Peter's pence*, (a common tax laid on countries that acknowledge the Roman Pontiff's authority.) I soon after chased out of *England*, all the collectors of this tax, and otherwise injured the coffers of the Prisoner at the bar.

Q. What name did the Prisoner go by then?

A. By the name of Pope *Clement* VII. Afterwards Pope *Paul* III. By this name he issued out his thunderbolt of excommunication, to deprive me of the kingdom, all my subjects of whatever they possessed, and to anathematize all my adherents. He also commanded all my subjects to deny me obedience, strangers to hold any commerce with the kingdom; and all to take up arms against me and my people, promising all who did, our property for a prey, and our persons for slaves.

Q. In what year was this Bull issued?

A. On the 17th of December, in the year 1538.

Joan, Queen of *Navarre*, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner at the bar presume to arrogate authority over you as Vicar of Christ on earth?

A. He did. During the sitting of the Council of *Trent*, he frequently designed to accuse me as

a favourer of *heretics*, but as he met with opposition from the Emperor's Ambassadors in the case of Queen *Elizabeth* of *England*, he omitted to bring the cause into the Council: but in the year 1563, he caused a citation to be affixed on the gate of St. *Peter's* Church in *Rome*, and other public places, against me. Ordered me within six months to appear before his tribunal, to defend myself, and show cause why I should not be deprived of all my dignities, states, and dominions; my marriage made void, and my children illegitimate. And also incurred other penalties, declared by the canons against *heretics*. He was then called Pope *Pius* IV. I did not obey his orders, the King of *France* protected me.*

Elizabeth, Queen of England, sworn.

Q. Are you not Queen of *England?*

A. I am. I was crowned Queen after the death of my cruel half-sister *Mary*, in the year 1558.

Q. Did the Prisoner at the bar exercise any authority over you as the pretended Vicar of Christ?

A. He did. I had seen so much of the tyranny and cruel conduct of the Prisoner during the reign of *Mary*, that I could not but detest both his name and government. However, my sister's ambassador being yet at *Rome*, he was ordered to make it known that I had ascended the throne.

The Prisoner, then called Pope *Paul* IV. according to his usual arrogance, declared that *Eng-*

* Council of Trent, p. 794.

land was held in *fee* to the Apostolic See of *Rome*, and I could not succeed, as he had by the name of *Clement* VI. and *Paul* III. declared me illegitimate. He also asserted, that it was great boldness in me to assume the government of England without his consent; but said, that he was always desirous to show a fatherly affection, if I would renounce my pretensions, and leave it entirely to him, he would do all he could for me with honour to the Apostolic See.

I treated his pretended fatherly affection with that contempt it merited. The Parliament met. All the laws made by *Mary* in favour of the Popish religion were abolished. The Prisoner's Supremacy denied, images taken out of churches, and the revenues arising from monasteries under the power of *Rome*, forfeited to the nation. I was then considered a heretic, yet such was his dissembling conduct, that in the year 1560, he invited me and my Bishops to attend the Council of *Trent*. This he did when he was called by the name of Pope *Pius* IV.*

After this he grew outrageous, and would have proceeded against me in this Council, in the year 1563, but was prevented by the ambassadors of the Emperor. However, he issued out his Bull to anathematize and excommunicate me, and to deprive me of my Crown, Dominions, and Title, and to absolve all my subjects from their allegiance. He also pretended to raise *Ireland* to an Independent Kingdom, and many other things highly pre-

* See Council of Trent, p. 436.

judicial to the British nation. He issued out his Bulls in the name of the Vicar of Christ, Prince over all Nations and Kingdoms, and arrogated authority both in heaven and earth.

Q. Did he change his name again, after he had assumed that of Pope *Pius* IV.?

A. Yes, several times. His Bull to deprive me, was signed by the name of Pope *Pius* V. and afterwards by that of Pope *Gregory* XIII.

Henry III. *King of France*, sworn.

Q. Are you *Henry* III. Sovereign of *France*, who was assassinated by one of the Prisoner's emissaries, called a Monk?

A. I am. The Monk's name was *Clement*.

Q. When did you ascend the throne of *France*?

A. On the death of my brother, who is known in history by the name of the sanguinary *Charles* IX. I had, previous to my ascension to the crown of *France*, been chosen King of *Poland*, but hearing of my brother's death, I with difficulty escaped to *France*, and quietly took possession of the throne, by the name of *Henry* III.

Q. Were you not King, when what was called the *Holy League* was formed by several Princes, under the government of the Prisoner, to attempt to annihilate the people called *Hugonots* from off the face of the earth, and at the head of whom was that noted agent of the Prisoner, who spilt rivers of human blood, the Duke of *Guise*?*

* Historians inform us, that in the civil wars on account of religion, above 1,000,000 of lives were lost, 130,000,000 livers spent; and 9 cities, 400 villages, 2000 churches, 2000 Monasties

A. I was. I remember the league called the *Holy League*, and recollect the infamous conduct of the Duke of *Guise*.

Q. Were you not supposed to favour the *Hugonots* or Protestants, in opposition to the orders of the Prisoner, and the league of the Princes?

A. Yes, and the consequences was, one *Clement* a Monk, under the authority of the Prisoner, assassinated me in the year 1589. And the common report throughout Europe was, that I died of the wound.

Q. Do you believe that what this Priest did was by order of, and with the Prisoner's approbation?

A. I do believe it, for when he was known by the title of Pope *Sixtus* V. he delivered a famous oration, in which he applauded *this* act of the Monk as both *admirable* and *meritorious*.*

Henry IV. *King of France*, sworn.

Q. Did you succeed *Henry* III. to the throne of *France*?

A. I did.

Q. Did not the Prisoner at the bar manifest considerable opposition to you, after you came to the throne?

A. He did. I professed to be an enemy to his government, and he viewed me as an *heretic*. The consequence was, I had to wade through

ries, and 10,000 houses, were burnt or otherwise destroyed. Vide *Guth. Geo. France.*

* See Spirit of Popery, chap. viii. and Sir R. Steele's Rom. Eccl. Hist. No. III. IV.

almost innumerable difficulties, and was often driven with my little Court to the greatest distress for the common necessaries of life. The Prisoner wished one of the Cardinals to be proclaimed King, and the Princes in league with him, (through my being considered a *Hugonot*) appeared ready to obey his mandate. I therefore had to dispute every inch of ground with their combined forces, but at last was established on the throne.

Q. Were you not compelled to own the authority of the Prisoner, and profess to be a Roman Catholic?

A. I was. I had experienced such a variety of successful and unsuccessful events, and had so many enemies to encounter with, that I was led into this measure from what was recommended to me as *prudent*, my religion being the only obstacle in the way to the enjoyment of the Crown of *France* in peace. Thus deluded, I went publicly to Mass, and with great difficulty obtained absolution from the Prisoner. This however produced wonders among the people, all *France* submitted to my sceptre, and I had only *Spain* to contend with; which was soon silenced by my victorious army.

Q. Was it not supposed afterwards that your profession of attachment to the Prisoner's government was not sincere, and that you had relapsed again into heresy.

A. It was. Having re-established tranquillity among my people, I caused an Edict to be pro-

claimed to secure my old friends, the Protestants, the free exercise of their religion, which decree is known by the *Edict of Nantes*. The Prisoner was much offended at this, and afterwards I was assassinated in the streets of *Paris*, by one of his domestic servants, one *Ravilliac*, a Friar, in the year 1610. A corpse was interred, which all *France* was given to understand was mine, and from the report of this, the Prisoner supposed I was *really* dead.

James I. *King of England*, sworn.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the Prisoner at the bar, as Pope of *Rome*?

A. I have.

Q. By what name was he called when you knew him?

A. By several; but when he was called Pope *Clement* IX. I took the most notice of him.

Q. Did he not publish a Bull against you previous to your being crowned King of *England*, with intent to deprive you of your right to the throne?

A. He did. He well knew that when I came to the throne, I would never allow Popery to be encouraged in *England*, and that I would oppose his rebellious arms when I was established. He therefore issued out a Bull, to exclude me from my right to the crown, and commanded all the *English* Romanists to do their utmost, to keep out the *Scottish heretic*, as he called me: And that I might not in any wise be admitted to the kingdom of *England*, unless I would be reconciled to his

Supremacy, receive my crown from his hands, and conform myself and all my subjects to the Popish religion.*

Q. Did he publish this Bull or rebellious proclamation under the presumed title of the Vicar of Christ, and Prince over all Nations?

A. He did. He always acted in that character before and after I came to the throne. The generality, if not all of his Bulls, are issued forth in direct conformity to, and with the injunctions and decisions of, his conventions of rebels called General Councils, of which the Prisoner is chairman.

Q. When did you begin your reign in *England?*

A. In the month of March, in the year of our Lord 1603. But his Bull was published full two years before.

Q. Was there not a scheme laid by a considerable number of traitors belonging to the society that is headed by the Prisoner, to destroy you and both houses of Parliament by gunpowder, soon after you came to the throne?

A. There was. It will long be remembered by Protestants, and is known in history by the name of the *Gunpowder Plot.*

I had ordered both houses of Parliament to assemble on the 5th of November, in the year 1605. The Queen also and Prince of Wales were expected to be present, and I, agreeable to my duty, to deliver a speech from the throne. Under the

* *Carte's Ormond*, vol. i. p. 33.

Parliament-house was a vault, into which had been conveyed thirty-six barrels of gunpowder, which were carefully concealed under faggots and piles of wood. This horrid conspiracy was kept a secret for nearly eighteen months, the conspirators being all sworn with what is called a sacramental oath. However, the kind providence of our Most gracious Sovereign defeated their dark, diabolical designs, in such a visible manner, as to make it evident that the Lord reigned.

About ten days before the long-wished for meeting of Parliament, I received notice of their malicious plot, but search was purposely delayed till the night immediately preceding the assembly. A magistrate then with proper officers entered the vault, and found there one *Guy Fawkes*, who had just finished all his horrid preparations, with matches and every thing proper in his pocket to set fire to the train. He was immediately seized, when his countenance betrayed the savage disposition of his heart. He afterwards regretted that he had lost the opportunity of destroying so many *heretics*, and made a full discovery.

He with a number of other conspirators were executed in different parts of *England*, among whom was a particular emissary of the Prisoner, one *Garnet*, a *Jesuit;* and so deluded were other rebels who survived him, that they fancied miracles wrought by his blood, and in *Spain* he is considered a martyr. I have very briefly related their destructive plot, and the merciful deliverance

of Almighty God. But, from which, it must evidently appear, that the Prisoner's orders were obeyed by such as were connected with him in *England*, and that agreeable to his Bull, they did their utmost to deprive me of my throne, when they formed the destruction of my person, family, and Protestant Parliament.

Cross-examined by Counsellor Quibble.

Q. Are you sure, that the Prisoner at the bar was concerned in this plot, or that it was a Popish plot?

A. I am certain that he was the ringleader of the conspirators, and that Roman Catholics only were concerned in it.

Q. You know that reports are very contradictory respecting the manner of its being discovered. Some say, that a Roman Catholic peer, (Lord *Mounteagle*) received a letter desiring him to shift off his attendance in Parliament, and who not being able to explain its contents, brought it to you. Others, that *Henry* IV. King of *France* communicated it to you, and many deny that the Prisoner knew any thing of it. Can you tell by what channel you received the information?

A. The channel through which I received the intelligence, cannot invalidate the fact. The Prisoner published his orders to the Roman Catholics in *England*, and commanded them to do their utmost to deprive me. What was done, was agreeable to his orders. They who did it were all his own servants, and before their execution they confessed their guilt.

Charles VI. *Emperor of Germany*, sworn.

Q. Look at the Prisoner at the bar. Have you any knowledge of him?

A. I have. I recollect him by the name of Pope *Clement* XI. and several other titles.

Q. Did he ever presume, as the Vicar of Christ, to make void and of no effect, any covenants or treaties which you made as Emperor of *Germany*?

A. He did.

Q. Will you relate to the Court what *treaty* he declared null and void, which you had confirmed?

A. After much human blood had been spilt on the continent to support the Prisoner's authority, I executed the treaty of Alp' Radstadt, and thereby confirmed certain privileges to some of my Protestant subjects. And I also entered into alliance with the Protestant Princes of the Empire. After which, the Prisoner sent a letter to me bearing date the 4th day of *June*, 1712, wherein he wrote as follows, which I will repeat.

"We by these present denounce to your Majesty, and at the same time, by the authority, committed to us by the Most Omnipotent God, declare the above-mentioned covenants of the treaty of Alp' Radstadt; and every thing contained in it, which are any wise obstructive of, or hurtful to, or which may be said, esteemed, pretended, or understood to occasion, or to bring, or to have brought the *least* prejudice to, or any ways to hurt, or to have hurt the Catholic faith, divine worship, the salvation of souls, the authority, jurisdiction, or any rites of the Church what-

soever, together with all and singular matters which have followed, or may at any time hereafter follow from them, to be, and to have been, and perpetually to remain hereafter *de jure*, null, vain, invalid, unjust, reprobated, and evacuated of all force from the beginning, and that no person is bound to the observation of them, or any of them, *although the same have been repeatedly ratified or secured by an oath;* and that they neither could nor ought to have been, nor can, nor ought to be, observed by any person whatever."*

All the Princes being examined, the Attorney General stated to the Court, that although he had detained them a considerable time in the examination of so many Emperors and Sovereigns as witnesses on this important occasion, yet the case was too momentous not to demand the fullest investigation. And though he now considered the overt-act, of deposing of Princes in the name of Christ's Vicar fully proved, yet he was compelled to trouble the Court a little longer on this subject, while one or two other witnesses were examined, whose testimony he considered to be too weighty to pass by.

Mr. *Hebernia Catholic*, sworn.

Q. Do you recollect any thing respecting an oath of allegiance, that was in contemplation in the Irish Parliament, to be taken by you and Irish Catholics, that required your detestation of that dangerous and abominable decree of the Council

* See Dr. Duigenan's Speech in the Imperial Parliament on the Catholic Question, 1805.

of *Constance*, which declares, that *Faith is not to be kept with heretics*; and that Princes deprived by the Pope may be deposed or murdered by their subjects?

A. Yes I do. It was in the year 1768.

Q. Did the Prisoner allow you to declare your abhorrence of these pernicious principles, in swearing allegiance to your King?

A. No, he would not. The Pope's Legate, then at *Brussels*, wrote to us in the following manner, "That the abhorrence and detestation of the "doctrine, that faith is not to be kept with here- "tics, and that Princes deprived by the Pope may "be deposed or murdered by their subjects, as "expressed in that proposed oath, are absolutely "intolerable, as he states, those doctrines are de- "fended and contended for by most Catholic na- "tions, and the *Holy See* has frequently followed "them in practice. On the whole, he states, that "as the oath is in its whole extent unlawful, so in "its nature, it is invalid, null, and of no effect, inso- "much as it can by no means bind or oblige the con- "science."*

Q. Did he presume to promise you what he calls indulgences, for your obedience to his commands as Christ's Vicegerent on earth?

A. Yes. In a Prayer-book I commonly use, called *Catholic Piety*, you may see as follows. "Pope *Clement* XIV. the 5th day of April, 1772, "granted an *Indulgence* of seven years and seven "quarantines, to all the Catholics of this kingdom,

* Dr. Duigenan's Speech.

"as often as they devoutly repeat Acts of Con-
"TRITION, OF FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY: the
"daily practice of which is most earnestly recom-
"mended to the Faithful, as an excellent form of
"prayer. This INDULGENCE may be applied to
"the relief of souls in *Purgatory*."

Mr. *Historical Truth* being further examined, confirmed the several testimonies given.

Q. As your knowledge of the Prisoner is more general than any individual witness yet examined; have you taken notice of any other circumstances not related, respecting his assuming power over Kings and Princes, as the Vicar of Christ, &c.?

A. I have. I have taken notice of several Emperors and Princes whom he has deposed, whose names are not particularly mentioned in the indictment. He has ever acted, as far as circumstances would permit, on this pernicious and tyrannical maxim, which he has carefully and constantly inculcated, "That the Bishop of *Rome* is the Supreme Lord of the Universe, and that neither Princes or Bishops, Civil Governors, or Ecclesiastical Rulers, have any lawful power in church or state, but what they derive from him." He therefore distributed crowns and nations to the subjects of his pleasure, and not only usurped the despotic government of his church, but also claimed the empire of the world, and thought of nothing less than of subjecting all the Kings and Princes of the earth to his lordly sceptre.

When called Pope *Innocent* III. he disposed in *Asia* and *Europe* of crowns with the most wanton

ambition. In *Asia* he gave a King to the *Armenians*. In *Europe*, in the year 1204, he conferred the regal dignity on *Primislaus* Duke of *Bohemia*, and the same year sent an extraordinary Legate, to invest *Johanicius*, Duke of *Burgaria* and *Walachia* with the ensigns and honours of royalty, while with his own hands he crowned *Peter* II. of *Arragon*, who had rendered his dominions subject and tributary to his government. He gave a rare specimen of Papal presumption, under the title of Pope *Alexander* VI. when he divided *South America* between the *Spaniards* and *Portuguese*. It is truly astonishing how many Princes where duped by him. *Henry* II. King of *England*, submitted to be whipped by monks at *Becket's* tomb, by order of the Prisoner. Many other examples I might give of his pretensions to universal dominion, which *Europe* beheld with astonishment, and to its eternal reproach, with the ignominious silence of a blind passive obedience.

Q. Has the Prisoner any regular articles of allegiance or faith, to which he requires the subscription of those who acknowledge him as Vicar of Christ?

A. He has. The present are such as were made when he was called Pope *Pius* IV. part of which is as follows. "I do acknowledge the Holy "Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church, to be "the Mother and Mistress of all Churches: and I "do promise and *swear obedience* to the Bishop of

"*Rome*, the successor of St. *Peter*, the Prince of "the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ."

Q. Will you relate to the Court, what you know of the assumed power of such as are connected with, and who receive their authority from him as Christ's Vicegerent on earth, as Cardinals, Priests, &c.?

A. I took notes of what several of them have published to the world, and I recollect that *Peter de Besse*, a Priest, wrote a book which he called *The Royal Priesthood*, and that in the second chapter of that book he thus speaks: "St. *Peter* addeth, that all Priests are Kings, in token whereof they wear the crown." And in the third chapter he says, "The Priesthood and the Godhead are in some things to be paralleled, and are almost of equal greatness, since they have equal power." Again he adds, "Seeing that the Priesthood walketh hand in hand with the Godhead, and that Priests are gods; it goes far beyond the kingly power, and Priests are far above Kings." And he then calls them "Masters of Kings, surpassing as much in dignity the royal office, as the soul surpasses the body!"

He then declares, what he had taken from the writings of Cardinal *Baronius;* "Incredible things, but yet true, that the power of Priests is so great, and their excellency so noble, that heaven depends upon them." In the same place, comparing Priests with *Joshua*, he saith, *Joshua* stopped but the Sun, but these stay Christ, being in heaven in the midst of an altar.

The creature obeyed the first, but the Creator obeys the last, the sun to the one, and God to the other, as often as they pronounce the sacred words." On the whole, he concludes, that "Whatever God is in heaven, the Priest is the same on earth."

Q. Did this Priest publish this to the world as the sentiments of an individual, or was it generally understood, that Priests in general have this authority delegated to them by the Prisoner at the bar?

A. Priests derive all their power from him, and act by his commission. As a proof that the sentiments I have delivered from this one, are such as are received by men of his description, when this book was published in *Paris*, the approbation of the *Faculty of Divinity* was given to the whole, and prefixed in the front of the book. This body of men act in conjunction with the Prisoner.

Q. (From a Juror.) Did you ever hear others speak in like manner?

A. Yes. I have heard many declare as bad, if not worse.

Q. Did any of them write the same?

A. They did. *Gabriel Biel*, another Priest, said, that "the Angels, citizens of heaven, dare not aspire to the authority of the Priesthood." And again, "passing by the bands of Angels, let us come to the Queen of heaven and Lady of the world. The same, through the plenitude of grace, she goes beyond all creatures, yet she

yields to the Hierarchs of the Church in the execution of the mystery committed unto them." And again he says, "Christ is incarnate, and made flesh in the hands of the Priests as in the Virgin's womb, and that Priests do create their Creator, and have power over the body of Christ."*

ANTICHRIST. (To the last witness.) You have omitted to produce the authority, on which *Father de Besse* declared the power of Priests? You should have noticed that he produced a portion from the New Testament, and founded his power on the Act, *Matt.* xvi. 18.

WIT. HIST. TRUTH. It is true, I did see a reference to that Act, but I think that if it should be read, it would, if possible, make bad worse.

ANTICHRIST. Let the Act be read.

LORD C. JUST. It shall be read.

The *Clerk of the Crown* then read the Statute, *Matt.* xvi. 18.

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art *Peter*, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

L. C. JUSTICE. What is there in this Statute, to authorize either you, or your Priests, to assume your power, and commit rebellion against our Sovereign?

ANT. Christ said these words to St. *Peter*, and St. *Peter* gave this power to me at *Rome*. I do not consider it rebellion, when I have such authority to act upon.

* See his 4th Lesson on the Canon of the Mass.

L. C. Justice. What an awful delusion you must lie under! To suppose, that our Sovereign Lord the King should commission *Peter* to empower you to establish your throne, in open rebellion against his crown and dignity! I hope you don't wish to say that *Peter* is a traitor? He is too well known in this court to be suspected of rebellion. We shall be able to prove that he never gave you any commission or authority.

Ant. If he was present, he would confess that what I say is true.

Court. He is in court; and we have no objection to his being the next witness called.

Simon Peter, the Apostle, was then called, who, quick as vivid lightning appeared. It was truly gratifying to see this witness, with so much of heaven in his countenance, while the court and large concourse of people assembled, were wonderfully delighted. He was examined by the *Attorney-General*.

Q. Are you the Apostle *Peter*, servant of the Most High God?

A. I am; and by the grace of God I am what I am. To my Sovereign Lord I am indebted for the honour of my employment.

Q. As we have frequently been told by the Prisoner, that you have some knowledge of him, and that you gave him his authority, we have taken the liberty to call on you to satisfy the court on this subject, believing you will confirm the high opinion they entertain of you. Look at the Pri-

soner at the bar. Do you recollect having ever seen him before?

A. No. I do not know him. I never saw him before in my life.

Ant. Don't you recollect seeing me at *Rome?*

Peter. No. I could never see you at *Rome;* for I never was there.

Ant. Do not you recollect, that you sat in St. *Peter's Chair* at *Rome*, as Prince of the Apostles?

Pet. No. I know nothing of *Rome;* nor have I the smallest knowledge of you. I am really a stranger to your very language; I do not understand what you mean either by St. *Peter's Chair*, or Prince of the Apostles.

Att. Gen. The Apostle *Peter* will please to notice, that the Prisoner, when he established his throne at *Rome*, presumed to declare, that you received orders from our Lord the King, to invest him with power over all the world; he therefore styled *you* Prince of the Apostles, and said, that you sat in his chair as such. And he presumes to be your successor, the Vicar of Christ, &c.

Pet. I am totally unacquainted with him and his government. I never had any such power given to me by my Lord; and as I never received it, he never could obtain it from me.

Ant. Do you remember the time when Jesus Christ said to you, "On this rock I will build my church;" and when he gave you the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

Pet. I do very well; but what has that to do in

the present case? What my Lord said to me is one thing, and what you profess, another.

Ant. I can produce a number of *Holy Fathers* who have said that you were at *Rome*, and that you was the first Pope.

Pet. All that is possible. But can you prove from the word of my God, from either of my Epistles, or from any of the writings of the Apostles or Evangelists, that I ever was at *Rome*? But whether I was there or not, I am certain that my Lord never commissioned me to give you any sanction.

Ant. If the blessed Apostle St. *Paul* was here, he would convince you of your mistake.

The Apostle *Paul* was next called and sworn. There was a striking likeness between him and the Apostle *Peter*.

Q. Was you ever at *Rome* in *Italy*?

A. I was. I know *Rome* well. My Lord and Sovereign told me that I should testify of him there; and after a perilous voyage I landed safe. Though but a prisoner, I was suffered to dwell two whole years in my own hired house, preaching the glorious gospel of the grace of God. I wrote several of my Epistles to the different churches from *Rome*, and one Epistle to a church of Christ there, and the last epistle I ever wrote, I wrote there.*

Q. Do you know the Prisoner at the bar? He has resided a long time at *Rome*, and professes to be intimately acquainted with you?

* Acts xxiii. 11. xxviii. 16, 28, 30, 31.

A. If he is intimately acquainted with me, I have no knowledge of it.

Q. Do you recollect ever seeing the Apostle *Peter* at *Rome?*

A. I never saw him at *Rome* when I was there. Had my brother Apostle ever been there, as I wrote so many Epistles from that place, I should have had frequent opportunities of mentioning my fellow-labourer. But though I named many I took no notice of him. From *Rome* I wrote to the churches of the *Galatians*, to the *Ephesians*, *Philippians* and *Colossians*, and also to *Timothy* and *Philemon;* without ever once mentioning him, or sending any salutation from him.

It must evidently appear that he was not there when I wrote my Epistle to the *Colossians;* for mentioning *Tychicus*, *Onesimus*, *Aristarchus*, *Marcus*, and *Justus*, I added, "*These alone*, my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God."* *Peter* was not there when I wrote my second Epistle to *Timothy;* for I said, "At my first answer no man stood with me, but *all* forsook me."† Nor was he there at the time of my departure; for I wrote to *Timothy*, that all the brethren did salute him, and named *Eubulus*, *Pudens*, *Linus*, and *Claudia*, but not *Peter*.‡ Now as when I wrote from *Rome*, I sent no salutations from him; so in writing to *Rome*, though I saluted so many, he was not among the number.§ Those therefore who wish to make

* Col. iv. 11. † 2 Tim. iv. 16. ‡ 2 Tim. iv. 21.
§ Rom. xvi. 3, 15.

it appear that he was there, must suppose that we lived there on very unfriendly terms.

Ant. Was not St. *Peter* and you both confined together in one prison? Several of the *Fathers* have proved it. Even many Protestants say that you were at *Rome*.

Paul. What I have said, is sufficient to answer all that Fathers or others have said. I have no doubt but they have said it; but I am sure they have not proved it. However, you have without doubt lived at *Rome*, though I never saw you personally there: but from the description my Lord gave me of the man of sin, and his awful character, I must conclude that *thou art the man*. I therefore warned the people of your approach, in several of my Epistles.

Court. (To the Apostle *Paul*) Did the Apostle *Peter* claim any supremacy over any of his fellow-Apostles, or over you?

Paul. No. When I disputed with him, I evidenced that no such notion was entertained by me.

Q. Did you ever hear of his being called Prince of the Apostles, Vicar of Christ, His Holiness the Pope, Prince over all Nations, God on Earth, &c.?

A. Surely No. The Apostle *Peter* was better taught of our Lord, than presume to assume such titles and offer such indignities to the God of heaven.

Q. Did he ever adorn himself in Pontifical vestments of the greatest splendour, and wear a mitre or triple-crown bedecked with diamonds,

sapphires, emeralds, chrysolites, jaspers, and all manner of precious stones; such as you see the Prisoner now wears?

A. No. I never saw a greater contrast, than that between a disciple of Jesus and the Prisoner, in every respect!!

Q. Did you ever hear of a College of Cardinals being established, while you was in *Judea* or *Rome?*

A. Never. I am quite a stranger to the name.

Q. Did you ever hear of the Apostle *Peter* collecting annually from all nations he could, a tax called *Peter's Pence?*

A. Never.

The passage was now cleared to make room for a considerable number of other witnesses, chiefly martyrs, who made a most brilliant and magnificent appearance. Several witnesses examined were withdrawn on this occasion, as the contrast was so very striking, that what filled the court with pleasure, struck some of them with additional terror. The Prisoner himself also appeared for the first time to change countenance, though but little, as he evidently was completely hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Most in court supposed, that the witnesses came from the celestial city in *Upper Salem.* They appeared intimately acquainted with the two Apostles, and their interview was peculiarly gratifying to the whole court. The Apostles joined the martyred witnesses, and Mr. *Historical Truth* stood near them, being a very essential witness.

Peter de Bruis, sworn.

Q. Did you not once act under the Prisoner's authority?

A. I did. But when it pleased our Most Gracious Sovereign to show me my error, and grant me pardon, I rejected his authority, and swore allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King. This I did while I lived in *France*, in the twelfth century. Afterwards it pleased our Sovereign to engage me in his service. I therefore preached for several years in *France* what my Lord had taught me from his word. I preached the fulness and freeness of our King's Grace, in opposition to the Prisoner's theatrical mass, merits of good works, prayers for the dead, and venerating crosses and images.

Q. Did the Prisoner usurp authority over you, to oppose the doctrines revealed in the Scriptures?

A. He did. He presumed authority as the Vicegerent of Christ, to burn or destroy all those who rejected his government. I, therefore, with one *Henry*, who preached the same truth, were seized by the Prisoner's orders, and condemned as two heretics and traitors to his kingdom. *Henry*, that he called my disciple, was imprisoned for mortal life, and I burnt in a fire, till he concluded I was dead. I suppose he never expected, after reporting I was consumed to ashes, that I was alive, and should appear a living witness against him this day.

Arnold of Brescia, Preacher, sworn.

Q. Did you live at the City of *Rome*, where the Prisoner has resided for many years?

A. I did. I recollect seeing him there.

Q. Did you not reject decidedly his authority?

A. I did. I publicly declared the danger of all such as lived and died under his government, in rebellion against our Sovereign Lord and Everlasting King.

Q. What were the consequences that followed?

A. I was dragged to his bar at *Rome*, condemned as a *heretic*, and publicly burnt in the year 1155, as was supposed to death, because some ashes, said to be *mine*, that were found in the fire after my deliverance, were cast into the *Tyber;* but my King took me to live with him in his own country.

Alba Gerald, the Waldense, sworn.

Q. Did you and about thirty more come into *England* as persecuted *Waldenses* about the year of our Lord 1160?

A. I did; and about that number came with me, to escape, if possible, the rage and cruelty of the Prisoner at the bar. Previous to my coming into *England*, I lived with a considerable number in the *Valleys of Piedmont*, who had long refused to submit to own the Papal power. He then, by every instrument of destruction in his power, either slaughtered or scattered these people, and I with my companions, were driven from place to place on the continent, till we embarked for *England*.

Q. Did the Prisoner pursue you to *England?*

A. He did. After I came there, I laboured to bring some back from their rebellious ways to the obedience of the laws of Jesus. The consequence was, I, with those who came with me, were taken to prison, by the order of *Henry* II. who then acted as agent for the Prisoner. We were all brought before an assembly of his Bishops at *Oxford*, when being asked who we were? I answered, "We are Christians that hold the doctrines of the Apostles." After further examination, we refused to own the Pope's Supremacy, or to obey his laws. We were then declared *heretics*, and condemned as such to be punished. We were then burnt with hot irons in the forehead, as *heretics*, and whipt through the streets of *Oxford;* but we were enabled to rejoice for being accounted worthy to suffer for our King's sake.

There being no law then in *England*, to burn *heretics* to death, the Prisoner commanded, that none should presume to receive us into their houses, or grant us the smallest comfort of life, so that we might perish with hunger and cold, as enemies to his government. This they considered as carried into effect, but our beloved Sovereign only removed us to a more delightful country.

Mr. *Historical Truth*, again examined.

Q. Are you acquainted with the Prisoner's conduct to the people called *Waldenses?*

A. I am; and so is *Europe*. They have been distinguished by various appellations. The first name they were called by was *Vallenses;* so saith one of the oldest writers of their lives, *Ebrard* of

Bethune, who wrote in the year 1212, "They call themselves *Vallenses*, because they abide in the valley of tears," alluding to their situation in the Valleys of *Piedmont*. They were also called *Albigenses*, from *Alba*, a City in the southern part of *France*, where a great number resided. They were afterwards denominated *Valdenses* or *Waldenses*, from one *Peter Valdo* or *Waldo*, an opulent citizen of *Lyons*, and one of the most active of these people. And from *Lyons*, its ancient name being *Leona*, they were called *Leonists*.

From all the remains of their writings, and the testimony even of their most violent enemies, it will appear that they maintained the following principles; That, the Holy Scriptures is the only rule of Faith and Practice—Christ Jesus the only Sovereign Head and Lawgiver of his Church—Salvation by Christ alone—The Pope Antichrist—The Church of *Rome*, the Whore of *Babylon*—Masses, impious—Purgatory, an invention of men—Monkery, a stinking carcass—Invoking of dead Saints, Idolatry—The Host, an Idol, and so many orders of the Roman Clergy, so many marks of the beast.

In the beginning of the thirteenth century, they had spread so far, and were so fast increasing every day, the Prisoner thought proper to exert his utmost efforts to suppress them. For this purpose war, or what he called a holy crusade, was proclaimed against them, and the office of *Inquisition* erected; the one to subdue their bodies, and the other to enslave their souls. It is enough

to make the blood run cold, to hear of the horrid murders and devastations of this time, and of the number of these poor people, who were sacrificed to the blind fury and malice of the Prisoner. It is computed, that in *France* alone there were slain a million of these people, and yet, this was inadequate to satisfy his infernal desire.

I will just notice the testimony of *Thuanus*, a Priest under the Prisoner's government, and who is considered an historian of repute. He says, "Against the *Waldenses*, when exquisite punishments availed little, and the evil was exasperated by the remedy which had been unseasonably applied, and their number increased daily; at length complete armies were raised; and a war of no less weight than what our people had before waged against the *Saracens*, was decreed against them: the event of which was, that they were rather slain, put to flight, spoiled every where of their goods and dignities, and dispersed here and there, than that convinced of their error they repented. So that——they fled into *Provence*, and the neighbouring Alps of the *French* territory, and found shelter for their lives and doctrine in those places. Part withdrew into *Calabria*, part passed into *Germany*, and fixed their abode among the *Bohemians*, and in *Poland* and *Livonia*. Others turning to the west, obtained refuge in *Britain*." *

In these wars, when the rebels under the command of the Prisoner took the city of *Besiers*, they put to the sword above 60,000 persons,

* *Thuanus* in Præf. and *Henry* IV.

among whom were many of their own profession, the Pope's Legate crying out, "Kill them all, for the Lord knoweth them that are his."*

Cross-examined by Counsellor Quibble.

Q. Do you not recollect the many abominable heresies and vices the *Waldenses* were charged with?

A. What they were charged with by those who were totally unacquainted with them, I do not consider worth notice. The Prisoner always pretended to find *all* guilty of *heresy* who were enemies to his authority; but to prove my statement to be just, I will produce three of the most respectable Roman Catholic authors, who have written in the defence of the Prisoner at the bar. The first I will name is *Reinerius Sacco*, whose testimony is the most remarkable, as he was of the order of the Dominicans, and Inquisitor General, about the year 1254.

This cruel Inquisitor, who exerted such a furious zeal for the destruction of the *Waldenses*, lived about eighty years after *Valdo* of *Lyons*, and must therefore be supposed, from his horrid employment, to know their real character. He said, "Among all the sects which still are, or have been, there is not any more pernicious to the church than that of the *Leonists*. And this for three reasons, the first is, because it is older, for some say that it hath endured from the time of Pope *Sylvester;* others, from the time of the Apostles. The second, because it is more gene-

* *Pet.* Hist. Alb. c. 17, &c.

ral, for there is scarcely any country where this sect is not. The third, because when all other sects begat horror in the hearers by the outrageousness of their blasphemies against God, this of the *Leonists* hath a great show of piety; because *they live justly before men*, and believe all things rightly concerning God, and all the articles which are contained in the Creed; only they blaspheme the church of *Rome* and the Clergy, whom the multitude of the Laity is easy to believe."

The credit of *Thuanus*, as an historian, has been always admitted by those under the government of the Prisoner, and he was wise enough to distinguish between their real opinions and those falsely inputed to them. He gave this account of them. "*Peter Valdo*, a wealthy citizen of *Lyons*, about the year 1170, gave name to the *Valdenses*. He (as *Guy Perpignon*, Bishop of *Elna* in *Rousillon*, who exercised the office of Inquisitor against the *Valdenses*, hath left testified in writing) leaving his house and goods, devoted himself wholly to the profession of the Gospel, and took care to have the writings of the Prophets and Apostles translated into the vulgar tongue.—When in a little time he had many followers, he sent them forth, as his disciples, into all parts to propagate the Gospel.—Their fixed opinions were said to be these; that the church of *Rome*, because she hath renounced the true faith of Christ, is the Whore of *Babylon*; and that barren tree which Christ himself hath cursed and commanded to be rooted up; therefore, we must by no means obey

the Pope, and the Bishops who cherish his errors. That the Monastic life is the sink of the Church, and a hellish institution; its vows are vain, and subservient only to the filthy love of boys; the orders of the Presbytery are the marks of the great beast, which is mentioned in the Apocalypse: the fire of Purgatory, the sacrifice of the Mass, the feasts of the dedications of Churches, the worship of Saints, and the propitiations for the dead, are inventions of Satan. To these, the principal and certain heads of their doctrine, others were feigned and added, concerning marriage, the resurrection, the state of the soul after death, and concerning meats."

I shall now repeat the testimony of *Mezeray*, the celebrated historiographer of *France*, which, though short, is full to the purpose. He said, "they had almost the same opinions as those who are now called CALVINISTS." If therefore, any of these Roman Catholic writers had known the crimes of these persecuted people, surely they would have revealed them.

Q. *From the Court.* Did not the Prisoner, through the instrumentality of such as acted by his authority, circulate a variety of false reports to excite Princes to destroy them, on account of their unnatural and shocking figure?

A. Yes. So extravagant were some in attempting to describe their persons to *Philip*, Duke of *Savoy*, that he was induced to examine into the truth of the reports, principally with a view of gratifying his sight, by witnessing such extraordi-

nary monstrous beings. He therefore ordered some of their children to be brought from the valleys to satisfy himself, whether they were not born with BLACK THROATS, SHAGGY MANES and FOUR ROWS of TEETH, as described."*

The Clerk of the Crown then read extracts from three Rebel Proclamations, or Pope's Bulls, published by order of the Prisoner.

"On pain of anathema, let no man presume to entertain, or cherish them in his house, or land, or exercise traffic with them."

Canon of the Council of Lateran. Pope Alexander III.

On pain of the same curse. "No man should presume to receive or assist them, no not so much as to hold any communion with them, in selling or buying, that being deprived of the comforts of humanity, they may be compelled to repent of the error of their ways."

Synod of Tours in France. Pope Alexander III.

In like manner, "Permit not the *heretics* to have houses in your districts, or enter into contracts, or carry on commerce, or enjoy the comforts of humanity with Christians."

Bull of Pope Martin V. *after the Council of Constance.*

Walter Lollard, sworn.

Q. Was you a preacher of the gospel in *Germany*, about the year of our Lord, 1315?

* Modern Universal History, vol. 34, p. 485.

A. Yes. According to the abilities the Lord was pleased to give me, I preached the glorious gospel of the ever-blessed God.

Q. Have you been acquainted with the Prisoner at the bar?

A. I have. I knew him when I preached the gospel in *Germany*, and I testified against him there, as I was convinced he was *Antichrist*, the enemy of my Lord's person and government. I therefore rejected his traitorous authority, and the superstitious ceremonies of his rebellious society. But the consequence was, I was taken by his order, underwent an examination before several of his agents, and was condemned as an *heretic* to be burnt to death. He therefore consigned me to the flames, in the year 1322, and according to report, I was consumed to ashes.

John Wickliff, sworn.

Q. Are you a native of *England?*

A. I am. I was once a priest under the Prisoner's authority, was called professor of divinity at *Oxford*, and afterwards rector of *Lutterworth*. In the year of our Lord, 1360, a number of Mendicant Friars, who were delegated by the Prisoner to support his government, came into *England*. Their scandalous embassy I despised. I defended the statutes and privileges of the University of *Oxford* against all the orders of the Mendicants, and threw out some reproofs against the Pope, their principal patron. After this, in the year 1367, I was deprived of the wardenship in the University, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who

substituted a Monk in my place; and the sentence of the Archbishop was confirmed by the Prisoner, under the name of Pope *Urban* V.

From this time I discovered more of his treason and rebellion than I ever did before. I threw off all restraint, and not only attacked the Monks, and their scandalous irregularities, but the Pontiff himself as their ringleader in rebellion. Soon after this I translated the Scriptures into the English language, and exhorted the people to study the Word of God, and not obey the Prisoner's orders when opposed to it. In the year 1377, he having assumed the name of Pope *Gregory* XI. the Archbishop was ordered to call a Council in *London*, to sit in judgment on me, but though the danger was considered great, I escaped by the interest of the Duke of *Lancaster*.

The Prisoner having been compelled by one Mr. *Death*, whom he could never deceive, to relinquish the name of *Gregory* XI. a great schism commenced about the next title he should assume. This withdrew his attention from me for some time, but afterwards he proceeded against me with great vehemence in two councils held at *London* and *Oxford*, in the year 1383. The event was, that of the *twenty-three* opinions, for which I was prosecuted by the Monks, *ten* were condemned as *heresies*, and *thirteen* as *errors*. However, I returned in safety to *Lutterworth*, and fell into a comfortable sleep in peace, in the year 1387. The Prisoner having been given to understand that I was *dead*, and as it had pleased the Lord to bless the

gospel to a great number, to whom I had preached it, he was so exasperated, that in a Council at *Constance*, in the year 1415, a decree was made to condemn my memory and opinions, and to dig up some bones, which were thought to be mine, to be publicly burnt, which was accordingly done.

Q. Was there not a great number of persons either hanged, suffocated, or burnt in *England*, who were called your followers, and who went by the name of *Lollards* or *Wickliffites*?

A. Yes. Even prisons, fields, and pits, in the metropolis of *London*, have been called after the name, on account of the horrid scenes exhibited there.

William Sawtree, sworn.

Q. Was you not once parish priest of St. *Osyth* in *London*.

A. I was, till it pleased God to convince me of my rebellion, and enable me to forsake and detest the usurped authority of the Prisoner.

Q. Did not the Prisoner persuade that deluded Prince *Henry* IV. to make an act of parliament, to burn all who were called *heretics*?

A. He did. After *Henry* IV. had usurped the throne, in compliance with the Prisoner's orders, he passed an act for the burning of *heretics*. This was in the year 1401. He was the first Prince in *England*, who passed such an act. One of the principal reasons that he assigned for this act was, the great increase of *Lollards* or *Wickliffites*. The bishops were by this act empowered to try all who were supposed to reject the Prisoner, and to burn them at their discretion.

Q. What followed in *England* after the passing of that law?

A. Fires were lighted in various parts of the country, and many were cruelly burnt. It was previous to the passing of this act, that I had been given to see the error of Popery, and acknowledge the sceptre of King Jesus. I was therefore immediately apprehended and brought before the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and condemned to be burnt as an *heretic*. The King then directed a writ to the lord mayor and sheriffs to take me to the stake, which they did, and I had the honour of being the first, that fire was kindled round for *Heresy* in *England*.

Thomas Badley, sworn.

Q. Did you live in the reign of *Henry* IV.?

A. I did. I lived in *London* when *William Sawtree* was burnt alive, and supposed to be burnt to death.

Q. Did not the Prisoner attempt to murder you?

A. He did. He ordered me to be secured in prison; after which I was condemned as an heretic, taken to Smithfield, chained to a stake, and fire kindled round me. *Henry* Prince of *Wales* being present, perceiving to show me some sensible signs of torture, ordered the fire to be removed, promised me a pardon and a pension for life, if I would turn Roman Catholic. But having come to myself, I was enabled resolutely to reject his offer, choosing rather to die with a good, than live with an evil conscience, a traitor to my King. The fire was then rekindled, and continued to burn till some

ashes were discovered, when all concluded that they were mine, and that of course I must have been burnt to death.

Sir *John Oldcastle*, Lord *Cobham*, sworn.

Q. Are you the nobleman who was persecuted in *England*, in the reign of King *Henry* V. on the charge of being the principal patron and abettor of the people called *Lollards?*

A. I am. I considered them as loyal to our Sovereign, and I could not bear the idea that my Lord and King should be opposed by the Prisoner under the pretext of being his peculiar favourite.

Q. Did the Prisoner attempt to put you to death?

A. He Did. By his orders I was apprehended and committed to prison by a noted rebel in connexion with him, known by the name of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*. On my examination, I freely declared my total disapprobation of the Prisoner. I affirmed, that "the Pope was *Antichrist* and the head of the Roman Catholic body. That his Bishops were the members, and his Friars the hinder parts of his antichristian society." The wicked Archbishop, my judge, then proceeded to pass sentence of condemnation against me for heresy, when I addressed him in these words, "Though you judge my body, which is but a wretched thing, yet, I am sure you can do me no harm as to my soul—He who created it will, of his infinite mercy and promise, finally save it, I have no manner of doubt. As to the articles before rehearsed, I will stand to them to my very

death, by the GRACE of my eternal God." I was condemned to die, but the day before my execution was to have taken place, I made my escape from the Tower, and continued in *Wales* for about four years. After which, being seized by the Prisoner's emissaries, and having been outlawed, they delivered me over to death as an *heretic* and traitor. I was then taken to the place of execution, and suspended by the waist with an iron chain. In this manner I was hung as a traitor, and cruelly burnt as an *heretic*, amidst the execrations of my savage tormentors, till my King delivered me out of their hands.

(*The chain was produced in court.*)

John Huss, sworn.

This witness confirmed the testimony of the Emperor *Sigismond*, which, as it is noticed before is omitted here. There was however a remarkable expression he uttered while burning, which the Emperor omitted. It was his answer to the last question, which is here set down.

Q. Did you not address yourself when at the fire to some of the popish clergy who were present, and make use of some expressions that were thought remarkable?

A. I did speak to them after the fire was kindled. I said among other words, "Ye shall answer for this an *hundred years* hence, both before God and me." And also, "You roast a *Goose* now, but a *Swan* shall arise whom you shall not be able to burn as you do the poor weak *Goose*." These expressions were then remarked, and a

century after were thought very remarkable, because *Huss* in the Bohemian language signifies *Goose*, as *Luther* does a *Swan;* and just an *hundred years* after *Luther* appeared, and gave the Prisoner a deeper wound than he ever received before, yet he could not burn *Luther.*

Jerome of Prague, sworn.

This witness also confirmed the testimony of the Emperor *Sigismond*, which is here omitted, and only the latter part of his examination recorded.

Q. When you was brought before the Council of *Constance*, what examination did you undergo?

A. I was not allowed a hearing. They exclaimed on all sides, "Away with him, BURN him, BURN him."

Q. Did they proceed to burn you immediately?

A. No. I was confined full ten months in a loathsome prison, and such was my weakness that one day I was persuaded to recant; but when taken before the Council, I revoked my recantation, and opposed the authority of the Prisoner as far as I was able. I was then condemned as a relapsed *heretic* to be burnt to death. Immediately they dressed me in a paper cap, ornamented with flaming devils; and led me to the place of execution. When the cap was placed upon my head, I said, "The Lord Jesus Christ, when he suffered death for me, a miserable sinner, wore upon his head a crown of thorns, and I for his sake will cheerfully wear this cap." When I was bound to

the stake, the executioner went behind me to kindle the fire, when I was so strengthened by my Lord, that I said to him, "Come here, and kindle it before my eyes, for I had not come hither if I had been afraid of it." The fire was now kindled, and the flames surrounded me, while my soul was filled with such heavenly courage, that greatly astonished the beholders. My Sovereign Lord the King now appeared in sight, and by a special celestial guard I was rescued out of their hands. The last words they heard me speak were, "In these flames, O Christ, I offer up my soul to thee:" and because I disappeared out of their sight, they spread the report that they saw me burnt to death. This was in the year 1416, on the 30th day of *May*.

Jeronimo Savouerola, sworn.

Q. Have you not been employed by our King, to preach the gospel in Italy since you was a Dominican Friar?

A. I have endeavoured to proclaim the glory and freeness of our King's grace to my benighted countrymen, and to the glory of his name my labours were blessed with success.

Q. Will you relate to the court, what you know of the Prisoner during your residence in Italy?

A. I will. When I knew him, he as usual continued to change his name at different times. But when I took most notice of him, he called himself by the title of *Alexander* VI. The life and actions of the Prisoner by this name, evidently showed, that he was a *Nero* indeed. The crimes

that his most deluded followers have imputed to him, clearly prove that he was destitute of every virtuous principle, regardless of decency, and hardened against the very feeling of shame. There is upon record, a list of undoubted facts, which for their number and atrocity, are sufficient to render him by the name of *Alexander* VI. odious and detestable, even to such as have but the smallest tincture of morality or humanity.

It is well known that the Prisoner always made a profession of sanctity, even when his conduct was the most infamous. He therefore claimed the title of *His Holiness*, while living in all manner of wickedness. And though he declared, that the office of his priesthood was too sacred to admit either himself or any priest to have a lawful wife, he, with them in general, were living in fornication and adultery. He therefore to my own knowledge, only during the time he went by the name of *Alexander* VI. had, by one concubine, with whom he lived several years, four illegitimate sons, among whom was the most infamous *Cæsar Borgia*, who followed his father in every wickedness and abomination. A daughter named *Lucretia*, was likewise among the number of his spurious offspring. And his only aim was to load them with riches and honour, in contempt of every obstacle which the demands of justice and the dictates of reason, laid in his way.

Thus he went on in his profligate career, until the year 1503, when he took, by a providential mistake, some poison, which he and his wicked

son had prepared for others, who were obstacles in the way to their ambition. The poison had so much effect, that it disabled him, by this name, from pursuing the same course, when his old antagonist, Mr. *Death*, constrained him to assume a new title. During my residence in *Italy*, I preached against the luxury, avarice, and debauchery of the *Roman* clergy in general, and of the tyranny and wickedness in particular, of the Prisoner and his son, *Cæsar*. I also wrote a book, entitled, "The Lamentations of the Spouse of Christ, against false Apostles; or an Exhortation to the Faithful, that they would pray unto the Lord for the Renovation of his Church." The Prisoner then excommunicated and imprisoned me, and after being most cruelly tortured, I was chained to a stake and burnt on the 23d of *May*, 1498, in the 46th year of my age. I have not seen the Prisoner from that day to this, when I see him at the bar.

Roger Acton, *John Beverly*, and *John Brown*, sworn.

These witnesses testified that they, together with others, rejected the Prisoner's authority, during the time they lived in *London*. That they frequently met in a field, called St. *Giles's Field*, in the night for prayer and social worship. That in the year 1413, on one night they were seized by his order, and in the said field were all (in number 36) hanged by the neck and fires kindled under them, with intent to destroy them as *heretics* and traitors.

Martin Luther, sworn.

When this witness appeared, the people were very anxious to be gratified with a sight of the old Reformer. The Prisoner, however, did not seem to enjoy any satisfaction in viewing him upon the green cloth; on the contrary, he hung down his head, gave him a milicious look, and appeared much confused.

Q. Where was you born?

A. I was born at *Isleben* in *Saxony*, on the 10th of *November*, in the year of our Lord, 1483.

Q. Look at the Prisoner. Do you know him?

A. I do; and I believe he recollects me. When I knew him at *Rome*, he went by the names of Pope *Alexander* VI. *Pius* III. *Julius* II. *Leo* X. *Adrian* VI. *Clement* VII. and *Paul* III.

Q. Was you not once one of his Priests?

A. I was. I was called a Monk of the order of St. *Augustine*, and professor of Divinity at *Wittemberg*. But though I was his deluded slave, yet I was never so happy in his service as others appeared to be. I shall long remember, that when I was at *Rome*, how awfully devoted I was to his despotic laws, although I derived no solid satisfaction in my own breast, for my obedience to them. There is at *Rome*, placed in one of the churches, a (pretended) very holy, and celebrated staircaise, consisting of twenty-eight steps of marble, said to be taken from the house of *Pontius Pilate*, and which Christ is reported to have as-

cended and descended several times. These steps can only be ascended kneeling—and so blinded was I and thousands by the Prisoner, that to crawl up these stairs was thought to be one of the most meritorious actions that could be performed.

At the bottom of these steps were frequently seen, ten or twelve carriages of the first people of *Rome*, waiting to perform this duty.* Up and down these very stairs I have often crept, but without that pleasure which ignorant devotees find in this ridiculous ceremony. For although I was then unacquainted with our beloved Sovereign, yet some words that I had read of his, seemed continually resounding in my ears, which led me to be dissatisfied with what I did. The words were, "The just shall live by faith."

Previous to the year 1517, the Lord was pleased to enlighten my eyes to discover the lawful government of our Lord the King, by the reading of his own word. But being surrounded by bigotry and superstition, and retaining too much of my former ignorance, I scarcely knew how to disentangle myself from his service. However, in the year 1517, an opportunity offered to unfold, as far as I then discovered, my views of the truth.

The Prisoner had now set up the money-making trade of selling pardons and indulgences, and had published a catalogue of his wares.† These

* Vide Sketch of a Tour on the Continent, in 1786 and 7, by J. E. Smith, M. D. Vol. ii. p. 37.

† Vide Taxa Cancellor. Rom.

were distributed by his agents, with every possible addition, to excite the attention and pick the pockets of such as were duped by him. One *John Tetzel*, a Dominican Friar, had been chosen, on account of his uncommon impudence, by *Albert*, Archbishop of *Mentz* and *Magdeburg*, to preach and proclaim in *Germany* these infamous indulgences, and to promise the pardon of all sins, however enormous, to all who were rich enough to purchase them. This frontless Monk executed his iniquitous commission with matchless insolence, indecency, and fraud.

Unable to smother my indignation at the insult offered to my lawful Sovereign, King Jesus, I raised my voice against this most abominable traffic, and on the 30th of September, in the year 1517, did publicly at *Wittemberg*, in ninety-nine propositions, condemn the whole as diametrically opposite to the laws and statutes of Christ Jesus. Many in *Germany* had long groaned under the iron sceptre of the Prisoner, and grievously murmured against the extortions of his tax-gatherers, who daily put in practice various stratagems, to fleece the rich and grind the face of the poor. Many of these gladly received the declaration I made of the all-sufficiency of Jesus and his atoning blood, and consequently despised the pardons and indulgences offered for sale by *Tetzel* and the Dominicans.

The alarm of Controversy was now sounded, and *Tetzel* himself immediately appeared against me, and pretended to refute what I had declared,

in two discourses he delivered when he was made a Doctor in Divinity. In the following year two famous Dominicans, *Sylvester de Priero* and *Hoolgstart*, rose up against me, and attacked me at *Cologne*, with the utmost violence. Their example was followed by another, named *Eckius*, a celebrated professor of Divinity at *Ingolstadt*, and one of the most zealous supporters of the Dominican order. I was enabled to stand my ground against their united efforts, and the more I disputed with them, the more I was convinced that truth was on my side. At first the Prisoner, then called *Leo* X. seemed to view the controversy with total indifference, as he thought that a poor insignificant Monk was not worth his notice.

At length the Emperor informed him of what was likely to follow my labours in *Germany:* when he summoned me to appear before his tribunal at *Rome*. But the Elector of *Saxony*, *Frederic* the wise, pretending that my cause belonged to a German Tribunal, this summons was superseded. I was ordered to justify my conduct before one of his Cardinals, named *Cajetan*, who was at that time his Legate at the Diet of *Augsburg*. This man was my decided enemy, a friend of *Tetzel*, and a Dominican, yet I repaired to *Augsburg* in October 1518. But had I even been disposed to yield to the Prisoner, this imperious Legate was of all others the most improper to obtain my submission. He in an overbearing tone, desired me to renounce my opinions, without ever attempting

to prove them erroneous; and insisted on my immediate obedience to the Pontiff's commands.

I could never think of yielding to terms, so unreasonable in themselves, and so despotically proposed; and as I found my judge and adversary inaccessible to reason and argument, I left *Augsburg* immediately. The Prisoner then published a special Edict, "commanding his spiritual subjects to acknowledge HIS power of delivering from all the punishment due to sin and transgression of every kind." As soon as I perceived this public decree, I repaired to *Wittemberg*, and on the 28th day of November appealed from him to a General Council. After this the Prisoner appeared to think that *Cajetan* was not a proper person to reconcile me to him, and he resolved to employ one more moderate and insinuating. Accordingly one *Charles Miltitz*, a Saxon Knight, belonging to the court of *Rome*, was delegated by him to make a second attempt to restore me. This new Legate was therefore sent into *Saxony*, to present to *Frederic* the Golden Consecrated Rose, and to treat with me about a reconciliation.

Q. Did not *Cajetan* make use of some very awful expressions to prove the power of the Prisoner, to pardon sin, &c.?

A. He did. He said, among many other absurd expressions, "That one drop of Christ's blood being sufficient to redeem the whole human race, the remaining quantity that was shed in the Garden and upon the Cross, was left as a legacy to the

Church, to be a treasure from whence Indulgences were to be drawn and administered by the Roman Pontiff!" The Prisoner had published the same before in one of his *Decretals*, when he was known by the name of Pope *Clement* VI. which is called, and that justly, for more reasons than one, *Extravagants*.

Q. Do you recollect what arguments *Miltitz* made use of to persuade you to return to the Prisoner's authority?

A. I do. He first proceeded to demand of the *Elector*, that he would either oblige me to return to the obedience of the *See of Rome*, or withdraw his protection from me. But, perceiving that he was received by the *Elector* with a degree of coldness bordering on contempt, and that the cause for which I pleaded was too far advanced to be destroyed by the effects of mere authority; he had recourse to gentler methods. He loaded *Tetzel* with the bitterest reproaches, on account of the irregular and superstitious means he had employed, for promoting the sale of Indulgences, and attributed to this miserable wretch all the abuses I had complained of.

Tetzel, on the other hand, burdened with the iniquities of *Rome*, tormented with the consciousness of his own injustice and extortions, died of grief and despair. I confess I was so affected by the agonies of despair under which this unhappy rebel laboured, that I wrote him a pathetic letter. And as I knew in a degree the freeness and fulness of our King's Grace, to pardon the vilest trai-

tor upon earth, I endeavoured to the utmost of my power to beseech him to be reconciled to our Lord the King. But it produced no good effect, for as he lived, so he died, a great traitor to the Government of Heaven. His infamy was perpetuated by a picture placed in the Church of *Penna*, in which he is represented on an ass, selling Indulgences to a deluded multitude.

This incendiary being sacrificed as a victim to cover the Roman Pontiff from reproach, *Miltitz* entered into particular conversation with me at *Altenburg*. He did not pretend to justify the scandalous traffic of Indulgences, but requested me to acknowledge the four following things, "1st, That the people had been seduced by false notions of Indulgences. 2d, That I had been the cause of that seduction, by representing Indulgences much more heinous than they really were. 3d, That the odious conduct of *Tetzel* alone had given occasion to these representations. And 4th, That though the avarice of *Albert*, Archbishop of *Mentz*, had set on *Tetzel*, yet that his rapacious tax-gatherer had exceeded by far the bounds of his commission." These proposals were accompanied with many soothing words and pompous encomiums on my character, capacity, and talents; and with the softest and most pathetic expostulations in favour of union and concord; all which he joined together with the greatest dexterity and address, in order to touch and disarm me, and at first, I must confess, it produced too much effect. But the result was, I refused to comply with his

request; and the Prisoner issued out a Bull against me, dated the 15th day of June, 1520, in which forty-one pretended heresies, extracted from my writings, were solemnly condemned, all my writings ordered to be publicly burnt, I, on pain of excommunication, to confess and retract my errors within the space of sixty days, and cast myself upon the clemency and mercy of the Pontiff. I then resolved to show in the most public manner that I had withdrawn from the Prisoner's authority, despised his papal thunder, and in future would own no other Sovereign but our Lord and everlasting King. I therefore, on the 10th day of December, in the year 1520, caused a pile of wood to be erected without the walls of the city of *Wittemberg;* and there, in the presence of a prodigious multitude of people of all ranks and orders, I committed to the flames both his Bull that he published against me, and the Decretals and Canons relating to his supreme jurisdiction, as the pretended Vicar of Christ.

By this act I designed to declare to the world that I was no longer a subject of the Pope. For the man who commits to the flames the code that contains the laws of his Sovereign, shows thereby, that he has no longer any respect for his government, nor any design to submit to his authority. In less than a month another Bull was proclaimed against me, bearing date the 6th day of January, 1521, by which I was expelled from the communion of the church of *Rome*, for having "Insulted the Majesty and disowned the Supremacy" of the Prisoner at the bar.

Such iniquitous laws, enacted against me, produced an effect very different from what the imperious Pontiff expected. The Lord enabled me to wax more bold against his traitorous government; and the numbers who deserted his standard, and came over and professed allegiance to our beloved Sovereign, encouraged me yet more. The Lord stirred up others also in different countries, to oppose the Sovereignty of the Prisoner, and the pillars of *Babylon*, his strong-hold, began to tremble. Several heralds were also engaged by our King, to proclaim pardon to rebels who rejected *Antichrist*, and returned to their allegiance.

The Emperor *Maximilian* I. having departed this life, and his grandson, *Charles* V. King of *Spain* succeeding him, the Prisoner took this opportunity of venting and executing his vengeance, as far as he could, on such as dared to call in question his power. He put the new Emperor in mind of his character, as *Advocate and Defender of the Church*, and demanded on me exemplary punishment. *Frederic* the Elector, however, employed his interest with *Charles*, so far as to prevent any unjust sentence being pronounced against me till I was heard. I was therefore ordered to repair to *Worms* within 21 days, in order that my conduct might be examined, and decided upon in the public Diet.

When I appeared before the Emperor, Princes, and assembly, I was desired to recant and retract what I had published; but which I absolutely refused, unless it could be proved that what I had

written was contrary to the word of God. I insisted, that I could prove, that the Pope of *Rome* and his general councils had frequently erred, and that grievously; and therefore it would be an ungodly thing in me, or any other, to assent to them, and depart from the holy Scriptures, which could not err. Some attempted to persuade the Emperor to violate his promise of protection to me, as *Sigismond* had done before to *John Huss*; but he would not. I therefore was permitted to depart, and the Emperor gave me 21 days' protection on my way home. After my departure from the Diet, I was condemned as an enemy to the *Holy Roman Empire*. The Elector *Frederic*, who saw the storm rising against me, used such precautions as he could to secure me from its violence. For this purpose he sent three or four persons in whom he could confide, to meet me on my return from the Diet, in order to conduct me to a place of safety, who disguised by masks, executed their commission with the utmost secrecy and success. I was taken to the castle of *Wurtenberg*, where I continued full ten months, and employed this involuntary leisure, in translating the Scriptures into the Dutch Language, and writing several works which I afterwards published.

I left this *Patmos*, in the month of March, 1522, without either the knowledge or consent of *Frederic*, my protector, as I could not bear to be hid in the hour of danger. Having returned to *Wittemberg*, and translated some part of the Scrip-

tures into the German tongue, it is almost incredible the sudden and blessed effects it produced, when circulated among the people. From the minds of many it extirpated, root and branch, the superstition, idolatry, and rebellion, scattered over the earth by the Prisoner.

While the proclamation of the Laws of our King produced wonders, the Prisoner changed his name to *Adrian* VI. By this name he sent a Legate to the Diet assembled at *Nuremberg*, in the year 1522, to demand the speedy and vigorous execution of the sentence pronounced against me at *Worms*. The next year, the same demand was made by him in the most violent manner, by the name of Pope *Clement* VII. *Frederic*, Elector of *Saxony*, died in the year 1525; *John* his brother succeeded him. He immediately acted a decided part; for being fully convinced that the authority of the Prisoner was usurped, he rejected him and his superstitious laws.

One assembly met after another in *Germany*, which rather increased than checked the progress of the Reformation. The Prisoner not meeting with the support he wished from the Emperor, *Charles* V. entered into a confederacy with the *French* and *Venetians* against that Prince. *Charles*, though one of the Prisoner's Church or Society, being greatly exasperated at his conduct, abolished the Papal authority in his Spanish Dominions, made war upon the Pope in *Italy*, and laid siege to *Rome* in the year 1527. The Prisoner, then *Clement* VII. was blocked up in the Castle of St.

Angelo, and exposed to severe but legal treatment; during which time the Princes of the Empire enjoyed some tranquillity.

After this, *Charles* made peace with the Prisoner, and again supported him in rebellion: and in an assembly held at *Spires* in the year 1529, decreed it unlawful for any person to change or alter his religious government. This decree was justly considered as iniquitous and intolerable by the Elector of *Saxony*, Landgrave of *Hesse*, and others, who remonstrated, but in vain. They then entered a solemn *protest* against the decree and Prisoner on the 19th day of April; and from that day the appellation of *Protestant* has been given to such as protest against his vile authority.

At last, the famous Council of *Trent* was proposed, and after much altercation, assembled on the 13th day of December, 1545. The Emperor and Prisoner had mutually resolved on the destruction of all who should oppose this Council, and the meeting of the assembly was to be the signal for taking arms. Accordingly its deliberations were scarcely begun before armies appeared ready to deluge *Germany* in human gore.

Notwithstanding this, several Princes publicly rejected the Prisoner's authority, and his convention of Rebels at *Trent;* and appeared in the field to defend their rights.—Of the scenes of tumult, and the calamities that followed, I can say but little, for being sixty-three years of age, my Sovereign thought proper to withdraw me from the scene, while I was at *Isleben* on the 18th day of

February, 1546. Being superannuated, I have from that day lived upon a liberal pension of everlasting life, and have not seen the Prisoner from that day to this.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jesuit.

Q. Did you not vow, as a Monk, to observe Celibacy?

A. I did, when I was ignorant of God and his laws.

Q. Do not all Nuns solemnly vow the same?

A. They do: and when people have taken leave of their reason, they may promise any thing.

Q. Did you not marry contrary to your vow? and was not the woman you married a Nun, who violated her oath to marry you?

A. I did marry contrary to my vows, which I made when a stranger to my Lord the King; and I married a Nun, so called, contrary to her vows. I had God's authority to marry, and the Pope's to live a single life. When, therefore, I rejected the Prisoner's usurped government, I rejected his laws; and when I became a subject of my Lord's kingdom, I rendered obedience to him.

Q. But did you not do it contrary to your oath?

A. I have before observed, that I did it contrary to my Monkish vows. I had also promised as a Priest to own the Prisoner's rebellious authority, but can it be supposed, that *because* a man has been reared in rebellion, ignorant of his lawful sovereign, and a stranger to his laws, and has been made to vow or promise obedience to a tyrant, that he is always bound to remain a traitor all the

days of his life? The laws and statutes of my Prince, as well as the laws of reason, justify the act I did.

Q. Where was your religion before you?

A. In the Bible, and in the hearts of all the faithful subjects of our Lord the King.—Where was my religion before me! Attend to the witnesses that have been examined. They prove that God has in all ages had a people to serve him. Look also into the Valleys of *Piedmont*, at the *Waldenses*, and ask Popish writers themselves, they will tell you they were five hundred years before me, and some of them say that from the time of the Apostles they were continued. And if there were no enemies to Antichrist before me, how came it to pass that he chained so many to the stake for *heresy* many centuries before I was born?

Philip Melancthon, sworn.

Q. Was you not once under the Prisoner's authority?

A. I was, but blessed be God, not now.

Q. Did you continue long in his service?

A. Till I was about twenty-four years of age. When about that age I attended to hear *Martin Luther* dispute with *Eckius*, on the Supremacy of the Pope of *Rome;* and from that time I was so fully convinced that the Prisoner's power was usurped, that I united with *Luther*, and we became intimate friends.

Q. Do you recollect any of the arguments brought by *Eckius*, to support the Prisoner's authority?

A. *All* his arguments were derived from the spurious and insipid *Decretals* which were scarcely of four hundred years standing;* while *Luther* proved to a demonstration, that the Church of *Rome*, in the earlier ages, had *never* been acknowledged as superior to other churches, and combatted that church (so called) and the Prisoner, from the testimony of the Scripture, the authority even of those *Fathers* they pretend to venerate, the best Ecclesiastical Historians, and even from the decrees of the Council of *Nice* itself.

Q. Do you remember the Prisoner's sending the Dominican Friars to sell his pardons?

A. I do. Some pardons were offered for sins impossible to be committed, and too shocking to be imagined; others, for sins future as well as past. Indulgences were often granted to whole fraternities, and sometimes for a thousand years or more. And among the relics exhibited to view was a plume, said to be a plume of the wing of St. *Michael*, the Archangel. *John Tetzel* often shocked me with his awful blasphemies. He, in attempting to describe the efficacy of the Indulgences he had to vend, said, "That even had any one deflowered the mother of God, he had from the Pope (or Prisoner) wherewithal to efface his guilt!" And he also boasted, that "he had saved more souls out of hell by his Indulgences, than St. *Peter* had converted to Christianity by his preaching." He also promised to every one that would put ten

* Vide Seckendorff's Hist. of Luth.

shillings into the box which he carried about with him, license to eat white meats and flesh in lent, and power to deliver what soul they would out of purgatory; and moreover full pardon for all his sins, however heinous. But if it was one jot less than ten shillings, he said it would profit nothing.

Ulric Zuinglius, the Reformer of *Switzerland*, sworn.

Q. Was you not once under the authority of the Prisoner at the bar?

A. I was. I was called a Canon of *Zurich*, and an Archdeacon in *Switzerland;* but I began to manifest my public opposition to his government in the year 1519. I had, previous to that time, been led to suspect that the Prisoner had usurped his authority, and was really a rebel in disguise; and afterwards I was satisfied that my suspicions were well founded. Soon after this the Prisoner sent into *Switzerland* an *Italian* Monk, whose name was *Samson*, to carry on the same impious traffic of Indulgences, as *Tetzel* had done in *Germany*. I opposed the traitor *Samson*, and his master who sent him; and at last I had the satisfaction of seeing by far the greater part of *Switzerland* reject the authority of the Prisoner at the bar.

William, Prince of *Orange*, sworn.

Q. Do you recollect the Prisoner's conduct to the people in the *Low Countries*, and if it was ever computed, how many were murdered by the Duke of *Alva*?

A. I do. When they were liberated from his shackles by the preaching of the Gospel, he took

the most violent measures to reinslave them. For this purpose he augmented the number of his rebellious Bishops, established that horrid tribunal called the *Holy Inquisition*, and inhumanly tortured and murdered by racks, gibbets, and fires, many thousands, besides those who perished by the sword. The Duke of *Alva* himself boasted, that in the *Netherlands* alone, within the space of a few years, he had despatched 36,000 souls by the hands of the common executioner. The Jesuits, from their first institution to the year 1480, that is, between thirty and forty years, are computed to have put to death 900,000 Christians, who rejected the Prisoner's authority. And in the space of scarce thirty years, the Inquisition destroyed by various tortures 150,000. One *Saunders*, a Priest, confesses that an *innumerable* multitude were burnt throughout all Europe.

John Calvin, the Reformer, sworn.

Q. Are you not a Frenchman by birth?

A. I was born at *Noyon*, in *Picardy* in *France*, on the 10th day of July, 1509. I was educated in the Church of *Rome*, and ordained in her corrupt communion, but I rejected his traitorous supremacy in the year 1534, when I was about 25 years of age.

Q. Did not the Prisoner burn and destroy very many subjects of our Lord the King in *France*, while you resided there?

A. He did. My heart bled to see the slaughter he made daily. I witnessed many of my friends who were the blessed subjects of our King, daily

committed to the flames by King *Francis* I. who acted as executioner for the Prisoner; and being filled with indignation against his awful and cruel laws and conduct, I was constrained to protest against him. The excellent Queen of *Navarre* more than once saved me from the fire. But at last I was obliged to fly from *France* into *Switzerland*, to escape the cruel persecution in my native country. I retired to *Basil*, where I published a book called *Christian Institutions*, which I dedicated to *Francis* I. with the design to soften the unrelenting fury of that Prince against the Protestants. At *Geneva* I was chosen to be the Pastor of a Christian Church, that professed obedience to the laws of Jesus, acknowledged him alone for their head, and rejected the Prisoner and all his rebellious orders of Priests. With this church I continued till the year 1564, when I was called by our Sovereign from them into his kingdom.

Cross-examined by Counsellor Quibble.

Q. Do you think that the Prisoner acted wrong when he put those to death who would not acknowledge his religion?

A. I certainly do.

Q. Did you not take an active part in the persecution of *Servetus*, and was you not accessory to his death?

A. I confess I did; and I then attempted to justify the act.—This was one of the awful effects of being educated under the Prisoner. I learnt this doctrine at *Rome*, and it made too deep an impression upon a mind which was too much be-

clouded with Popish error. I knew not what spirit I was of.—It was too much the prevailing opinion of all parties at that time, that incorrigible heretics ought not to live; and I was led astray. *Servetus* was certainly a violent enemy to the doctrines of the Trinity, and of the Deity and Atonement of Jesus Christ. His positions were singularly daring, and his language grossly indecent on these subjects. I therefore thought that it might lead some to conclude that I gave encouragement to rebellion, though I rejected the usurped authority of the Pope of *Rome*, if I did not give my sanction to his punishment.—But I was evidently wrong.

Peter Martyr, of *Naples*, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner at the bar endeavour to introduce his office of Inquisition into the City of *Naples*?

A. He did. After the Reformation, begun by *Luther*, it pleased the Lord to enable me and one *Bernard Ochino* to testify publicly against the enormity of the reigning superstition, and the Papal yoke. A number of all ranks and orders began now to express their aversion to the Prisoner's treasonable conduct; and he, to put a stop to the progress of the Reformation, let loose upon these pretended *heretics* his bloody *Inquisitors*, who spread the marks of their usual barbarity through the greatest part of *Italy*. But the terrors of the Inquisition could never penetrate into the kingdom of *Naples*. Nor could either the authority or entreaties of the Roman Pontiff engage the

Neapolitans to admit within their territories either a Court of *Inquisition*, or even visiting Inquisitors.

Augustine Casal, Preacher to *Charles* V. sworn.

Q. Did not you, and several others that were once connected with the Prisoner at the bar, as Priests, attend the Emperor *Charles* V.?

A. I did. I was brought by *Charles* V. into *Germany*, to combat the pretended heresy of *Luther;* but I propagated on my return the very doctrines I set out to oppose. Several others also, who accompanied the Emperor, did the same, *Constantine Pontius*, his confessor, the learned *Egedius*, whom he had nominated to the Bishopric of *Tortosa*, *Bartholomew De Caranza*, a Dominican, who had been confessor to King *Philip* and cruel Queen *Mary*, with above twenty more. After this *Charles* V. abdicated the throne, and retreated to spend the remainder of his days in retirement, in the year 1557. He evidently saw the folly of vindicating the Prisoner's authority, and after he had withdrawn from the busy scenes of public life about two years he died; and was supposed to die a Protestant. No sooner was the breath of this Monarch gone, but I, and the persons before noticed, were put into the Inquisition, and all committed to the flames, or delivered over to death in other forms equally terrible to nature.

Dennis Renix, Martyr in *France*, sworn.

This witness said that he had lived at *Melde*, in *France*, for several years.—That he knew the Prisoner well.—That he saw a number of Protestants

burnt and tortured. That one *Jo De Roma*, a Monk who was commissioned to examine *Lutherans*, among other horrible means to torment them, used to take the most pleasure in filling boots with boiling grease, and putting them on their legs, and tying them on the back on forms with their legs hanging over a small fire while he examined them. That among the multitude that were burnt was a bookseller for selling a bible. That upon a complaint made to the council, that the Judge suffered *heretics* to have their tongues, a decree was made that all who were burnt should have their tongues cut off unless they recanted at the fire; which was afterward strictly observed. That being himself a great enemy to the Prisoner and his government, and having publicly testified against his Mass, he was taken by his orders in the year 1588, and chained to a stake to be burnt by a slow fire. And that the Prisoner, then known by the name of Pope *Paul* IV. did suppose that he was burnt to death.

And deponent further said, that one *John Clark* having written on paper that the Prisoner was Antichrist, and his pardons treasonable; and having broken some images to pieces; was first whipt three days and burnt in the forehead. That afterward at *Mentz* he was taken to the place of execution, where he was tortured in the most cruel manner. That his right hand was first cut off, then his nose was torn from his face with sharp pincers, and further dismembered while he stood at the stake to be burnt by order of the Prisoner.

Admiral *Gasper de Coligny*, who suffered in the Massacre of *Paris*, sworn.

Q. Was you at *Paris* on the eve of the 24th day of August, or St. *Bartholomew's* day, 1572?

A. I was.

Q. Was there not a dreadful massacre at *Paris* that night of many thousand Protestants, by order of the Prisoner?

A. There was. It is an event well known in history, and perhaps the blackest upon record.

Q. Will you relate to the court what took place on that night?

A. The Almighty having been pleased to cause the proclamation of his Gospel to be made in *France*, many were led to discover the usurped authority of the Prisoner, and acknowledge our Sovereign Lord the King. When the Prisoner, according to the tyrannical laws of his kingdom, caused a general slaughter to take place; and almost in every town and village were fires kindled, gibbets erected, and tortures prepared for such as presumed to call in question his being the Vicar of Christ and Prince of the Apostles. Previous to the reign of *Charles* IX. the Prisoner had employed as his common executioners three Kings of *France*; *Francis* I. *Henry* II. and *Francis* II. who were very active at this awful work. *Charles* was early trained to this shocking employment, and for cruelty, hypocrisy, bigotry, and every savage property, could scarcely be equalled by any of the inhabitants of the infernal mansions. He was one of the Prisoner's pets.

In his reign, in addition to all the dreadful decrees against his peaceable Protestant subjects, an edict was published in July, 1552, declaring it lawful to kill *all* the *Hugonots* wherever any could be found. This decrée was read publicly in every parish on every Lord's day, and innumerable multitudes were slain.

Three civil wars succeeded each other. At last the court pretended to grant the Protestants a very advantageous peace in the year 1570, and a match was concluded between *Henry*,* the young King of *Navarre*, a Protestant, and the French King's sister. The heads of the Protestants were invited to celebrate the nuptials at *Paris*, with the infernal view of butchering them all if possible in one night. The Queen of *Navarre*, who had visited *Paris* in order to be present at her son's marriage, now took ill and died, as it was afterward suspected by being poisoned, she being supposed a *heretic*. A few days after I was wounded by a musket ball while walking the streets, but such were the professions then made of union and affection, that none suspected the design. *Charles* immediately visited me, and wept when he saw how I was wounded; he expressed the greatest sorrow on my account; and vowed the greatest vengeance on the assassin. He offered me a part of his own guards, who under the pretext of protecting me, were to admit at midnight the remainder into my chamber to murder me.

* Afterward the celebrated *Henry* IV.

Exactly at midnight on the eve of St. *Bartholomew*, (so called) 1572, the alarm bell was rung in the *Palais Royale*, as the signal of death. About five hundred Protestant Barons, Knights, and Gentlemen, who had come from all parts to honour the wedding, were among the rest barbarously butchered in their beds. The Gentlemen, Officers of the chamber, Governors, Tutors, and Household servants of the King of *Navarre*, and Prince of *Conde*, were driven out of their chambers where they slept in the *Louvre*, and being in the court, were massacred in the King's presence. The slaughter was now general throughout the city, and as *Thuanus* writes, "that the very channels ran down with blood into the river."* This was however magnified as a glorious action, and the King, who was one of the most active murderers, boasted that he had put 70,000 *heretics* to death.

It is scarcely possible that it can even be supposed, that I can describe the horrors of that Sunday night. I might quote the words of a French author, who wrote the history of *France* from the reign of *Henry* II. to *Henry* IV. and say, "How strange and horrible a thing it was, in a great town to see at least 60,000 men with pistols, pikes, cutlasses, poniards, knives, and other bloody instruments, run swearing and blaspheming the sacred Majesty of God through the streets and into houses, where they most cruelly massacred all

* Vide *Thuan:* Hist. lib. 52. 1572. Tom. 2. fol. 821. Geneva, 1620.

whomsoever they met without regard of estate, condition, sex, or age.

"The streets paved with bodies cut and hewed to pieces; the gates and entries of houses, palaces, and public places died with blood. Shoutings and hallooings of the murderers, mixed with continual noise of pistols and calivers discharged; the pitiful cries and shrieks of those that were murdered. Slain bodies cast out of the windows upon the stones, and drawn through the dirt. Strange noise of whistlings, breaking of doors and windows with bills and stones. The spoiling and sacking of houses. Carts, some carrying away the spoils, and others the dead bodies, which were thrown into the river *Seine*, all now red with blood, which ran out of the town and from the King's Palace." While the horrid scene was transacting, many Priests ran about the city with crucifixes in one hand and daggers in the other, to encourage the slaughter.

A band of ruffians soon rushed into my chamber, while I was upon my knees supplicating my King. Immediately they (what they called) despatched me, while the young Duke of *Guise* waited at the door in expectation of receiving my head to present it to the inhuman King, and his brutal mother. To those who are unacquainted with the power of our King, my testimony may appear incredible when I affirm, that my head was really severed from my body, and after being presented to the King and his mother, she sent it embalmed to *Rome*, as a present to the Prisoner and

the Cardinal of *Lorrain*. Not satisfied with what they had done to me, they proceeded to deprive me of some of the members of my body, after which I was dragged through the streets of the city for three days, and then hung up by my feet to a gibbet at *Montfaucon*. The general opinion now in *France* was that I was dead, and I am certain the Prisoner had no idea of seeing me alive again.

He now gave *Charles* IX. public thanks for his infernal work. He ordered the most solemn rejoicings at *Rome*. He sung *Te Deum*, and presumed to give the Almighty public thanks for this victory. He also issued forth a Bull for a *Jubilee* to be observed throughout the Kingdom of *France* on the 7th day of December, 1572, as a particular day of great and unusual joy for what he called the happy success of the French King against his heretic or protestant subjects. He also exhorted *Charles* to pursue *this salutary and blessed enterprise*, and fall upon them who called in question his usurped supremacy. This cruel slaughter brought on a fourth civil war. A fresh peace was concluded in the year 1573, with the Protestants; yet a fifth war broke out the next year, when *Charles* IX. stained with the blood of thousands of his subjects, which called for vengeance, was seized by order of our Sovereign, by one of his officers, named Mr. *Death*, and from that time, has been detained a prisoner in the fiery cell under the charge of the keeper of the black gulf. He left no issue on earth.

Cross-examined by Counsellor Quibble.

Q. You are the first man I ever heard speak after he lost his head!

A. Although I may be the first man that *you* have heard speak after his head has been severed from his body; I am not the first that has appeared as a witness after being slain. *John* the beloved servant of our King declares, and this court knows it to be a fact, "that those who were slain for the word of God, and the testimony which they held," not only spake after, but spake with a loud voice, and applied to our Lord for judgment against their murderers, and were graciously heard.* And he also testifies, that *he saw* on thrones such as were, like me, really beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, *Antichrist*, or his image;† and that they lived and reigned afterward with our Sovereign King. For my own part, I declare, that I have enjoyed more real life from the day I was beheaded than ever I did before.

Father Paul, sworn.

Q. As you wrote the History of the Council of *Trent*, will you relate to the court what you know of the Prisoner, and some of the proceedings of that rebellious assembly?

A. The Council of *Trent* was first summoned by the Prisoner under the name of *Paul* III. It first met on the 13th of December, 1545, and con-

* Rev. vi. 9—11. † Rev. xx. 4.

tinued about eighteen years. Previous to the opening of it the Prisoner proclaimed a Jubilee at *Rome*, promising pardon of all sins, to all who prayed for the Council, confessed their sins, went in procession, and fasted three days. The Council was opened by the Legate *Monte*, who sung the Mass of the Holy Ghost. Previous to the meeting of this Council, the Prisoner, by his base conduct, had caused many in *Germany* and other parts of Europe to reject his authority. By the name of *Urban* II. about the year 1100, he first set up the money-making trade of vending Indulgences, and by the name of *Leo* X. in 1517, he acquired immense sums from all *Europe*. *Leo* however divided the profits with his sister *Magdalene*, the wife of *Cibo*, bastard of *Innocent* VIII. by reason of which *Leo* was made a Cardinal when he was only fourteen years old. *Leo* gave his sister all the profits arising from Indulgences in *Saxony*, and a part of *Germany*, and she set them up to sale to the highest bidder. The pardon-mongers collected immense sums from every nation to which they were sent, as appears by one Friar *Samson*, who collected 120,000 crowns among *Swiss* only.

The Prisoner having changed his name to *Adrian* VI. in the year 1522, and to that of *Clement* VII. in 1524, and to *Paul* III. in 1534, he created his illegitimate son *Peter Aloisius*, Duke of *Parma* and *Placentia*, and a son of his a Cardinal at the age of fourteen. A son of his illegitimate daughter *Constanza*, was also made another; and his

conduct was such, that he was detested by every honest man. His bastard *Peter* was assassinated in his own palace two years after. In the year 1549, he gave up the name of *Paul* III. in a violent fit of passion, and assumed that of *Julius* III. when he sent Cardinal *Pole* as his Legate into *England*, to restore *Great Britain* to his authority, bloody Queen *Mary* having ascended the throne. This darling of the Prisoner within one year burnt 176 persons of quality, and others who rejected his authority. To please him, she also dug up bodies out of their graves after being buried four years. Many also were burnt in *France* by the Prisoner's orders. He commissioned the King to grant to *Diana Valentia* his mistress, all the goods confiscated for heresy; this covetous harlot required the death of multitudes to support her in her abominations, as a true daughter of the Church.

The Prisoner having for a few days only assumed the name of *Marcellius* II. he changed it to *Paul* IV. He then presumed to absolve *England* from the crime of rejecting his supremacy in the reigns of *Henry* VIII. and *Edward* VI. After which he wrote to his own pet *Mary*, for the *Peter's Pence*, and the restoration of land, that he claimed as St. *Peter's* property. He told the people of England "that they could not hope that St. *Peter* would open heaven unto them so long as they usurped his goods upon earth;" and thus duped them out of a great deal of money. He also created a number of Cardinals, contrary to his most solemn oath; and when reminded of it

in the conclave, he declared it *heresy* to suppose that the Pope could be bound or bind himself.

Notwithstanding the infamous conduct of the *Fathers** who composed the Council of *Trent* and the Prisoner, he presumed to declare, that the Council was guided by the Holy Ghost: so that a blasphemous proverb was generally used "that the Council of *Trent* was guided by the Holy Ghost sent hither from time to time in a cloak-bag from *Rome*." I have taken notice of the laws this Council made, though some of them are too absurd for any meaning to be attached to them, and therefore the Prisoner prohibited any other that he should choose. But he clearly decreed himself to be the Vicar of Christ. His church the only true church. The doctrine of Transubstantiation. Merit of good works. Purgatory. Invocation of Saints. Veneration of Images. Seven Sacraments. His power to grant Indulgences, to anathematize *heretics*, and to lay a prohibition on the use of the Scriptures. And that every thing decreed and declared by the Council of *Trent* should be believed. He also prohibited by the name of *Pius* IV. the annotations on the New Testament written by *Erasmus*, which he had sanctioned by the name of *Leo* X. His Inquisitors also made out a list of books to be condemned with their authors; and even prohibited all books printed by 62 printers to be read, whether good or bad. The Prisoner was known

* *Trent* was the rendezvous for prostitutes from every quarter during the sitting of the Council.

by five different appellations during the time the Council sat.

Q. Do you know how many Protestants the Prisoner put to death in the *Netherlands?*

A. Yes. In a very short time he hanged, burned, buried alive, and beheaded 50,000.

Cross-examined by Mr. Equivocator.

Q. Are you not a Priest?

A. I am; but it is well known, that I was never fully reconciled to his authority.

Q. On your oath, were you promised pardon in consideration of giving evidence?

A. I gave my testimony voluntarily. I was never promised pardon for so doing.

William Tindal, sworn.

This witness said that he was born in *Wales*, That he wished to translate the Bible into the *English* tongue, but was prevented in *England*. That he went over into *Germany*, and there translated, first the New, and afterwards the Old Testament, which being sent over into *Great Britain* produced much good. That in consequence of his publishing the word of God, the Prisoner and his hireling Bishops thirsted for his blood. That during the reign of *Henry* VIII. one *Henry Philips* was sent to seize him at *Antwerp*. That he was imprisoned, tried, and condemned. And that in the year 1536 he was chained to a stake at *Elford*, and burnt, (as was supposed to death.)

Thomas Bennet, Schoolmaster of *Exeter*, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner attempt to kill you in the reign of *Henry* VII.

A. He did. I wrote some papers which I placed on the doors of the cathedral and other churches, saying that "the Pope is *Antichrist*, and we ought to worship God *only*, and no Saint. This gave great offence to the Priests under the Prisoner's government, and they, by his authority, proceeded to curse the author with Bell, Book, and Candle. The Priest who was to pronounce the curse, being in the pulpit, clothed in white; and the Friars and Monks standing about him, a cross was held up with candles fixed on it, when he pronounced the following words. "By the authority of God the Father Almighty, and the blessed Virgin *Mary*, of St. *Peter* and *Paul*, and of the holy Saints, we excommunicate, we utterly curse and bann, commit and deliver to the devil of hell, him or her, whomsoever he or she be, that have in spite of God, and of St. *Peter*, whose church this is, in spite of all holy Saints, and in spite of our Most Holy Father the Pope, God's Vicar here on earth, and in spite of the Reverend Father in God *John*, our Diocesan, and the worshipful Canons, Masters, Priests, and Clerks, which serve God daily in this cathedral church, fixed up with wax such cursed and heretical bills, full of blasphemy, upon the door of this and other holy churches within this city.

"Excommunicate be he, she, or they plenarily, and delivered over to the devil, as perpetual malefactors and schismatics. Accursed they be, and given body and soul to the devil. Cursed be they,

he, or she, in cities and towns, in fields and ways, in houses and out of houses, and all other places, standing, lying, or rising, walking, running, waking, sleeping, eating, drinking, and whatsoever thing they do besides.

"We separate them, him, or her, from the threshold, and from all the good prayers of the Church, from the participation of the holy Mass, from all Sacraments, Chapels, and Altars, from holy bread and holy water, from all the merits of God's priests, and religious men, and from all their cloisters, from all their pardons, privileges, grants, and immunities, which all the holy Fathers, Popes of Rome, have granted to them. And we give them over utterly to the power of the devil, and let us quench their souls, if they be dead this night, in the pains of hell-fire as this candle is now quenched and put out." And with that he put out one of the candles.

"And let us pray to God, if they be alive, that their eyes may be put out, as this candle-light is." Here he put out another candle. "Let us pray to God and our Lady, and to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and all holy saints, that all the senses of their bodies may fail them, and that they may have no feeling, as now the light of this candle is gone;" putting out the third candle; "except they, he, or she come openly now and confess their blasphemy, and by repentance (as in them shall lie) make satisfaction unto God and our Lady, St. Peter, and the worshipful company of this Cathedral Church."

Q. How did you act, after you heard this anathema pronounced?

A. I wrote other papers, till I was apprehended, when I confessed myself to be the author, and that I would do the same to discover Antichrist, or the Pope, who wasted the Church of God. After refusing to recant, I was condemned to be burnt, delivered over to the sheriff of *Devonshire* for execution, and in *Liverydale* without *Exeter* I was chained to the stake.

Several Martyrs, who suffered in *England* during the reign of Queen *Mary* I. were now introduced into the Court to give their evidence against the Prisoner. Only a few were examined.

John Rogers, sworn.

Q. Was you the first person in *England* who suffered by fire during the reign of Queen *Mary*?

A. I was. *Mary* was employed by the Prisoner at the bar, as his common executioner in *England*, and she made a greater proficiency in kindling fires, to burn her Protestant subjects than any hangmen before her time.

Q. In what year did she begin her reign?

A. In the year 1553; on the death of *Edward* VI. Lady *Jane Grey* had been proclaimed agreeably to the request of *Edward;* but *Mary*, who by intrigue and flattery first drew the county of *Norfolk* to support her claim, soon obtained the crown. She then cut off the head of Lady *Jane* and her husband Lord *Guilford Dudley*. Having established herself on the throne, she proceeded like a female fury to re-establish Popery. Cardi-

nal *Pole* was restored, and introduced to both houses of Parliament as the Pope's Legate, and addressed them upon the occasion. The Parliament after this drew up a petition acknowledging their sorrow for having rejected the Prisoner's authority, requesting to be pardoned for their offences, and restored into the bosom of the Church of *Rome.*

This petition being delivered to the Cardinal, he gave them absolution in these words: "We (by the apostolic authority given unto us, by the Most Holy Lord, Pope *Julius* the third, Christ's vicegerent on earth,) do absolve and deliver you, and every of you, with the whole Realm and Dominions thereof, from all heresy and schism, and from all Judgments, Censures, and Pains, for that curse incurred: and also we do restore you again to the unity of our Mother the Holy Church." The report of this coming to *Rome*, caused great joy. The Prisoner published a Bull for a Jubilee, and went in procession to manifest the pleasure he felt on this occasion. He then delegated *Mary* to be his agent in *England* to put to death such as rejected Popery, and I with many others were dragged to prison.

Q. Was you not once one of his Priests?

A. I was. I was educated at *Cambridge*, but being chosen a chaplain to the factory at *Antwerp*, I became acquainted with *Tindal* and *Coverdale*, who were translating the Bible. Through their instrumentality, by the word, I assisted them to translate, I was led to see the vile conduct of the Prisoner, and to reject his authority. After this I

married and travelled into *Saxony*, and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, for some years. Upon the accession of King *Edward* VI. I came into *England*, and was appointed a Prebend of St. *Paul's*, where I was stationed on the return of Popery. On a complaint being made that I preached the doctrines of the Reformation, I was cited before the Prisoner's Bishops, and condemned as a heretic. During my confinement, I drew up an answer to the charges brought against me, and vindicated the doctrines of the atonement and justification by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

After undergoing the ceremony of degradation, I was conducted to the flames in *Smithfield*. My Wife with her ten children with me, requested an interview before I was chained to the stake, but so little of the milk of human kindness did my enemies possess, that our united request was not granted. I was chained to the stake, and the flames were kindled round me, which continued to burn till I was delivered out of their sight: this was in the year 1555.

Lawrence Saunders, *William Pigot*, *Stephen Knight*, *Thomas Tomkins*, *Thomas Hawkes*, *John Lawrence*, and *William Hunter*, being sworn, said, that they were all chained to separate stakes, and burnt by order of the Prisoner. *Lawrence* affirmed, that when he was brought to Colchester to be executed, his legs being so worn by heavy irons in prison, and his body so weak, that he was obliged to be carried in a chair to the stake, and the fire kindled round him sitting.

Robert Farrar, Bishop of *St. David's*, and *Rawlins White*, a Fisherman, both of *Wales*, were next examined. They proved that they suffered in like manner by the Prisoner's orders.

A pile of iron chains was now produced to the court, which had been used by the Prisoner, to bind the witnesses and others to stakes.

Rowland Taylor, Vicar of *Hadley* in *Essex*, being examined, affirmed, that he was cited before the Bishop of *Winchester*, whose name was *Stephen Gardiner*, and who next to *Bonner* was one of the Prisoner's most active and cruel executioners. That he was sent up to *London* to the Queen's bench prison, and after repeated examinations was condemned to be burnt as a *heretic*. That he was sent down to his parish to be executed. That as he entered *Hadley*, the streets were lined with his old parishioners, who in general manifested their sorrow on his account. That at *Aldham-Common*, the place of execution, he addressed the spectators, saying, "I have taught you nothing but God's holy word, and am come hither to seal with my blood those doctrines of the gospel I have delivered unto you." That being chained to the stake and the fire kindled, he was burnt till he was delivered out of the fire, and left nothing but a few ashes, which led the Prisoner, and others, to suppose that he was dead.

Bishop Latimer, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner attempt to burn you?

A. He did. Upon the accession of *Mary*, I with Bishop *Ridley*, and Archbishop *Cranmer*,

were sent to the Tower, and from thence to Oxford, to dispute with twelve men under the Prisoner's government, selected from Cambridge and Oxford. When the disputation was ended, we were brought as prisoners on a stage, and asked "whether we would persist in our opinions or recant?" We all affirmed that we would persist, and were then condemned as heretics to be burnt, but our execution was suspended for some time.

Q. Was *Nicholas Ridley* the Bishop chained to the same stake with you?

A. He was. We were both chained together at one stake in *Oxford.* I was then about fourscore years of age, and my infirmities much increased by the severity of my confinement, yet as my day was, so strength was given. Having long since declined my ecclesiastical dignity, I appeared at the stake without any clerical habit. *Ridley* and I embraced and encouraged each other at the stake, he said to me "God will either assuage the fury of the flames, or enable us to endure it," and so he did. The faggots being kindled I was soon taken in a fiery chariot to my King, but *Ridley* was delayed for some time longer, when he was mercifully delivered in like manner.

Bishop *Ridley*, being examined, confirmed the testimony of the last witness.

Cranmer, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, sworn.

Q. Did not the Prisoner condemn you?

A. He did, but I suffered for a long time in confinement before he attempted to execute the sentence. I was also so weak, that one day by

threats and promises I was persuaded to sign my recantation, though not the one published by cruel *Bonner*. This however availed me nothing. "The tender mercies of the prisoner are cruel." I was required to ratify my recantation publicly, and then to die for heresy. Being called upon to address the people in St. Mary's Church *Oxford*, my enemies were thunderstruck at hearing me express my sorrow, for my apostacy and weakness, and declare the Pope to be *Antichrist*, and that I would first burn my unworthy right hand that signed the recantation.

Immediately a violent clamour ensued, and I was hurried to the place of execution. A fire being kindled round me, I held my right hand in the flames till it was burnt, repeating "this unworthy hand—this unworthy hand," and calling upon the Redeemer in the words of *Stephen*, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," when I was rescued out of their hands. This was on the 14th day of February, 1556, at *Oxford*.

George Marsh affirmed that by order of the Prisoner, he was burnt at *Westchester*. *Robert Smith*, that he was burnt at *Uxbridge*. *Thomas Whittle*, that he and six more were burnt in one fire at *Smithfield*, on the 27th day of January, 1556. *Anne Albright* said, that she and three other women and one man, were burnt at two stakes and one fire at *Canterbury*, the 31st day of January. *Joan Trunchfield* and *Agnes Potter*, both married women, that they were burnt at *Ipswich*. *Robert Drake*, that he and five more suffered at one fire

in *Smithfield*, on the 23d day of April in the same year. *Catherine Hut*, that she and two other women were treated in like manner at the said place. *Thomas Drowry*, a blind boy, that he and one *Thomas Croker* were burnt at *Gloucester*. *Ralph Jackson*, that he, ten men and two women, in all thirteen, were by the Prisoner's order, burnt together in one fire at *Stratford* near *London*, on the 27th day of June. That the Dean of St. *Paul's* having declared in a sermon he preached after their condemnation, that they held as many different opinions as persons, they drew up and signed a declaration of their faith, part of which declared, "That the See of *Rome* was the See of *Antichrist*, the congregation of the wicked, whereof the Pope is head under the devil."

Upwards of two hundred other witnesses were in court, who were martyred in the reign of Queen *Mary*, but the *Attorney General* said, that as it was not necessary to examine them to prove the guilt of the Prisoner, he would only bring forward one witness to prove the number that were burnt, during her short but cruel reign.

Mr. *Historical Truth*, again examined.

Q. Do you recollect, how many were burnt during the reign of Queen Mary?

A. I do. She burnt 1 Archbishop, 4 Bishops, 21 Ministers, 8 Gentlemen, 84 Artificers, 100 Husbandmen, Servants, and Labourers, 26 Wives, 26 Widows, 9 unmarried Women, 2 Boys and 2 Infants; one of whom was whipped to death by Bishop *Bonner*, and the other springing out of the

mother's womb from the stake, as she burned, was thrown again into the fire. Several died in prison, and many were otherwise cruelly treated.*

Q. Were these burnt by the Prisoner's orders?

A. Yes. He not only presumes to put to death those whom he calls *heretics*, but his Bishops take an oath, that heretics, schismatics, and rebels to the *Holy Father*, (or the Prisoner) they will resist and persecute.

One of his annotations on the New Testament says, "Protestants foolishly expound it (*i. e. Babylon* noticed in Rev. xvii. 6.) of *Rome*, for that *there* they put *heretics* to death, and allow of their punishment in other countries. But their blood is not called the blood of Saints, no more than the blood of thieves, man-killers, and other malefactors; for the shedding of which by order of justice, no Commonwealth shall answer."†

Sir *John Temple*, sworn.

Q. Did you write the History of the Rebellion in Ireland, in 1641?

A. I did. It was printed in Dublin.

Q. Do you believe that the Prisoner was the ringleader of that rebellion?

A. He certainly was. His own Bulls show that he was deeply concerned in that dreadful insurrection. When he was known by the name of *Urban* VIII. he publicly by a *Bull* promised to reward the Catholics of *Ireland*, with a Plenary Indul-

* Vide Guthrie's Gram. England.

† Rhemish Translation. Rev. xvii. 6.

gence, and remission of all their sins, I can repeat a part of the Bull in his own words, they are as follow. "*Urbanus* Octavus, &c. Having taken into our serious consideration the great zeal of the Irish towards the propagating the Catholic faith; and having got certain notice, how in imitation of their godly and worthy ancestors, they endeavour, *by force of arms*, to deliver their thralled nation from the oppression of the *heretics;* and gallantly do what in them lieth to *extirpate* and *totally root out* those workers of iniquity, who in the kingdom of *Ireland* had infested the mass of *Catholic purity* with the *pestiferous leaven* of their *heretical* contagion. We, therefore, being willing with the gifts of those spiritual graces whereof we are ordained the *only disposers* on earth, and by virtue of that power of *binding* and *loosing* of *souls* which God was pleased to confer on us, to all and every one of the faithful Christians in the aforesaid kingdom of *Ireland*, now and for the time militating against heretics, do grant a full and plenary Indulgence, and absolute remission of all their sins. Desiring heartily all the faithful in Christ now in *arms*, to be partakers of this most *precious treasure.*

"*Dated at Rome, in the Vatican of St. Peter's Palace, May 25th*, 1643, *in the 20th year of our Pontificate.* A. M. MARALDUS."*

He also wrote to the rebel, *O'Neal*, October 18th, 1642, and to the Popish Clergy and Nobles of *Ireland* to the same effect.

* Vide Trial of Lord M'Guire for high treason.

Q. Were many murdered in the year 1641?

A. Yes, many thousands, in a cruel manner.

Mr. Hume, the Historian, sworn.

Q. Do you recollect how many are supposed to have been killed in the Irish massacre?

A. "By some computations, those who perished by those cruelties are made to amount to 150, or 200,000; by the most moderate, and perhaps the most probable accounts, they must have been near 40,000."*

The *Clerk of the Crown* then read extracts from several examinations taken by virtue of commission under the great seal of *Ireland;* recorded in the Archives of *Dublin*, and in possession of the Clerk of the Council.

Dr. *Maxwell* the deponent said, that the rebels confessed to him that they had killed one morning in the county of *Antrim* 954 persons, and 1100 or 1200 more in the said county. *Owen Frankland* and others said, that above 1000 were drowned in one river, in the county of *Armagh*. Many others murdered; 50 at *Backwater* Church. *William Blundell* was drawn by the neck up and down *Backwater*, and three weeks afterward he with his wife and 7 children drowned. A wife was compelled to hang her husband, 22 Protestants put into a thatched house at *Kilmore* and burned, 1500 murdered in 3 parishes, 300 stripped naked and put into the church at *Loughall*, and above 100 murdered. *John Gregg* was quartered alive, and his

* Hume's Hist. of England, vol. 6.

quarters thrown in the face of his father, who was afterward quartered in the presence of his wife. 500 were murdered at *Armagh*, besides 48 families near it. 18 *Scotch* Infants hanged on clothiers' tenter-hooks in the County *Tyrone*, and 140 women killed by 2 rebels, 45 by one woman, 316 at *Dungannon*, 300 in their way to *Colerain*, and 400 drowned in the said county. At *Sligo*, the Protestants being all taken to jail, at midnight they were stripped naked and 2 butchers hired to kill them all with axes, &c. The White Friars who employed the butchers, afterward pretended with holy water to purify the river from the stain of *heretics'* blood. In most Counties nearly all the *English* that could be taken were murdered; at *Kilkenny* 7 were hanged, and one Irishman, because he was taken in their company. At the same and other places, men and women being stripped naked, such as covered their nakedness with straw, it was set on fire by the rebels: 22 widows and others in the *King's County*, who had covered themselves with straw, which was fired. Many who escaped died naked, and some with children in their arms, by the frost and snow. Most women that were pregnant had their bellies ripped up. *Lieut. Maxfield* was dragged out of bed, raving in a burning fever, and murdered. His wife also, who was great with child and in labour, was stripped naked and drowned in the river *Blackwater*, the child half born.

The *Attorney General*, after the examination of

a very considerable number of respectable witnesses, observed, that many more might be called who would not only prove the Prisoner to be the promoter of the rebellion of 1641, but also of those of 1798, and 1803. But he considered it altogether unnecessary. Some of these shocking barbarities were accompanied with circumstances too cruel and indecent to be noticed here; they are however printed in several books.

The last witness was now called, to prove that the Prisoner did presume to appoint places of refuge, for murderers, thieves, &c.

King Edward, the Confessor, sworn.

Q. Do you know whose handwriting this is?

(*A paper produced to this witness.*)

A. I do. I wrote it by order of the Prisoner.

(*It was read by the Clerk of the Crown.*)

"*Edward*, by the Grace of God, King of Englishmen. I make it to be known by all generations of the world after me, that by special commandment of our Holy Father Pope *Leo*, I have renewed and honoured the holy church of the blessed Apostle, St. *Peter* of *Westminster*. And I order and establish for ever, that what person, of what condition or estate soever he be, from whence ever he comes, or for what offence or cause it be, flying for his refuge into the said Holy Place, he be assured of his life, liberty, and limbs. And over this, I forbid under pain of everlasting damnation, that no minister of mine or my successors, intermeddle them with any goods, lands,

or possessions of the said persons taking the said sanctuary. For I have taken their goods and *livelode* into my special protection.

"And therefore, I grant to every and each of them, inasmuch as my terrestrial power may suffice, all manner of joyous liberty. And whoever presumes, or doth contrary to this my grant, I will that he lose his name, worship, dignity, and power; and that with the great traitor *Judas*, that betrayed our Saviour, he be in the everlasting fire of Hell. And I ordain, that this my grant may endure as long as there remaineth in *England* either love or dread of the Christian name."

Q. Did many thieves, murderers, and other scandalous characters occupy this building?

A. They did, till they were so very numerous, that I was obliged to build a new Church on the north side for their use, which was dedicated to St. *Margaret*.*

The evidence here closed on the part of the Prosecution.

Counsellor Quibble. My Lords and Gentlemen of the Jury, I, as the assigned counsel for the Prisoner at the bar, feel it my duty to make such a defence as the nature of the charge, and evidences will admit. I am not under the necessity of making a long statement in the defence of the Prisoner, and therefore shall not trouble the Court and Jury. Gentlemen of the Jury, you will studiously endeavour to banish from your

* Vide Maitland's Hist. London. vol. ii. p. 1328.

minds, every extraneous matter you may have heard that does not come within the charge preferred against my Client; and *only* consider the evidences that have been given on the part of the prosecution. With respect to any question of the Law in this case, I yield to the learned Lords on the Bench; and as to matters of fact, they are solely for the determination of you, Gentlemen of the Jury, who are the sole judges of the testimony you have heard from the witnesses.

The charge against the Prisoner at the bar is High Treason, compassing the death of the King, and promoting Rebellion in all the earth. He also stands charged with divers murders in several countries, to wit, in *Paris* on the 24th of *August* 1572, and in *England*, *Ireland*, *Scotland*, and other places. The evidence which we have to produce is evidence of an *alibi*, viz. that the Prisoner was not at *Paris* on the 24th of *August*, 1572, nor in *England*, nor *Ireland*, nor *Scotland*, when these murders were committed. Should the evidence that will be produced raise in your minds, Gentlemen of the Jury, any doubt of the Prisoner's guilt, you will of course acquit him, for where there is a doubt on the mind of a Jury, it is better that 500 guilty persons should escape punishment than that one innocent man should suffer. You will also consider, Gentlemen, that your verdict of Guilty may place him in a premature grave.

There are circumstances I am here compelled to notice, that some of the evidences against the

Prisoner are the evidences of common informers. Who was *Luther*, *Calvin*, and others that are called *Reformers?* Were they not once Priests? Were they not once connected with the Prisoner? They violated their oaths when they deserted his church, and the testimony of such should be doubted. Gentlemen of the Jury, the unfortunate Gentleman at the bar has seen much better days. His situation really calls for pity and not vengeance. He has been a great sufferer of late. His influence is much reduced. He has been made a complete tool of; and his power is crushed almost to nothing. I am addressing you, Gentlemen, as sensible and dispassionate men, and therefore I look up with confidence to you, to give a verdict in favour of my unfortunate client. We shall now call some witnesses as to the character of the Prisoner; and the evidences he has by means of his friends been able to produce in his favour, will be weighed by your humanity.

Witnesses on behalf of the Prisoner.

Mr. *Hate Controversy* was first examined. He said, that he had some knowledge of the Prisoner, that he thought him an honest man, that he never differed with him, or liked people to fall out about religion. On cross-examination he confessed he knew him only by name.

Thuanus said that he wrote several books. That he took notice of the *Waldenses* and of the Parisian Massacre. That to his knowledge the Prisoner was at *Rome* at the time, as he was also

in the reign of Queen *Mary*, and at other times when he was charged with committing murders in *England*, *Ireland*, and other places. Several other witnesses said the same. On cross-examination, however, they admitted, that his government extended to these places, and that it was by his laws they were put to death.

Mr. *P. Painter* said that he had known the Prisoner more than 1200 years, that he had painted many pictures for him, and that he always paid him honestly.

C. *Carpenter*, B. *Bricklayer*, P. *Plaisterer*, S. *Slater*, P. *Plumber* and C. *Carver*, gave the Prisoner a good character.

Demetrius Silversmith said, that he had made more shrines by order of the Prisoner than ever were made for *Diana* of the *Ephesians*, and that he always thought the Prisoner a very useful man. J. *Jeweller* and B. *Beadmaker* said the same.

R. *Robemaker* said, that he had received many thousand orders from the Prisoner, whom he always respected much. That he had made various sorts of robes for his Archbishops and all the orders of his clergy. That he took yearly, some hundred thousands of pounds for Gowns, Surplices, Scarfs, Sashes, Cassocks, Bands, &c. and that in some countries, the bare washing of Surplices only among one order of clergy amounted to more than 13,000 pounds a year.

N. Bonaparte said, that he knew the Prisoner;

that he came a long journey to crown him Emperor, and therefore he was compelled to speak well of him.

Mr. *Half Protestant* said, that he never knew any harm of the Prisoner. That he always thought more was said of him than was true. That he respected the names of several witnesses examined, such as *Luther*, and others, but did not see the reason why they disagreed. He admitted that he had heard of murders committed by him, but thought he was much altered for the better, and was quite a different man. He thought that every one should keep to the religion they were brought up to, and if sincere it was all that God would require.

Mr. Solicitor General. My Lords, and Gentlemen of the Jury, you need not be under any apprehensions of my intruding too much on your time. If this was only an ordinary case, I should make *no* observations: but it is not only a question as to the guilt or innocence of the Prisoner at the bar, but of many thousands, who have been more or less concerned in his treasonable designs; and also others who have connived at his awful rebellion.

Gentlemen of the Jury, with respect to the evidence which has been laid before you on the part of the Crown, I shall be very brief. I have little more than to call your attention to, and follow the statement of my able friend who first stated the case. Evidence has been laid before you, to prove that a

conspiracy has existed for several hundred years to overthrow the Government of heaven, and compass the death of our Sovereign Lord the King. Gentlemen, the question is, whether the Prisoner was a participator of that guilt; you will determine by the evidences whether he was not the very life and soul of that awful conspiracy. You have heard it proved that the Prisoner lived at *Rome* as the *Universal Bishop*, *Head of the Church*, and *God on Earth*. That he committed numberless murders. The small specimen that has been laid before you must have made too great an impression on your minds to require me to repeat them; and these are few to the number that could have been produced.

Gentlemen of the Jury, you will draw your inferences from the testimony of the witnesses, and not from any statement of mine. There is one witness, Mr. *Historical Truth*, who from the knowledge of the Prisoner's conduct for several centuries, enables him to give much evidence. His testimony is confirmed by a considerable number of Emperors, Kings, and Queens. Martyrs, Reformers, and others have confirmed their united testimony, and inspired Apostles have satisfactorily proved that all his power was usurped.

Gentlemen of the Jury, it has been stated by the Prisoner's counsel that the Prisoner was not at the several places where he is charged with committing murder. That he was not at *Paris* on the 24th of August, 1572, and other places. This

the counsel must know is a mere *quibble*. He was in *Paris*, he was in *England*, and in *Ireland*, and wherever his government extended; wherever his agents executed his laws. He has existed under a variety of names which marks his guilt. His arrogance and ambition has no example. It is a question if even Lucifer himself could vie with him. The Prisoner has endeavoured to storm the skies! To dethrone the almighty Thunderer! To be Universal Lord, and claim the stars of Heaven. Gentlemen, I shall not trespass further upon your feelings, believing that your verdict will be according to truth.

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Addressed the Jury; when every *minutiæ* of evidence was summed up with legal precision and ability. It would no doubt be gratifying to some readers to have his charge at length, but the limits of the trial will not admit it. He concluded by observing, that he left the determination of this case entirely to the consideration of the Jury; and that if they entertained a *rational* doubt in their minds of the guilt of the Prisoner, they ought to acquit him.

The Jury did not retire from their box, but brought their verdict Guilty.

The Clerk of the Crown called upon the Prisoner at the bar in the usual form, to know what he had to say why judgment of death should not be awarded against him: when the Prisoner gave him a most expressive sullen look, and remained silent.

The Lord Chief Justice addressed the Prisoner in the most impressive manner. He told him that he had been charged with the awful crime of High Treason against the King of kings and Lord of lords. That he had a most patient trial, and that there was not a doubt either in the mind of the Court or Jury but that he was guilty. He also said, that he was sure that his conscience must frequently have told him that his rebellious conduct could not fail to bring down the vengeance of heaven upon his guilty head. He concluded thus, "I call upon you now to attend to the sentence of the Court. You *Antichrist*, shall be taken from the place where you now stand, to the place from whence you came, your irons are to be struck off, and you stripped of all your pontifical vestments, splendour, pomp, and dignity. From whence you shall be drawn upon a hurdle to the place of execution, where you shall be hung with the chain of restraint, but not until you are dead; but while you are yet alive, your church, which is your body, shall be taken down, and you deprived of the vitals of your religion. Then a mighty Angel shall proclaim from heaven, louder than the most tremendous peal of thunder, *Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** and that the hour of your judgment is come. Your head or dominion shall then be struck off with the sword of God's inflexible justice, when the Lord of Hosts himself *will consume it with the spirit of his mouth, and destroy it*

* Rev. xxviii. 2.

*with the brightness of his coming.** *Then another mighty Angel shall take up a stone, like a great mill-stone and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city* Babylon (or Rome) *be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all,† and you shall be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth you.‡* And may the Lord have mercy upon the souls of all those who live and die under your government."

N. B. Some Protestant writers having by mistake, noticed the time when the sentence would be put into execution, it may not be amiss to observe, that it was left entirely to His Majesty's sovereign will and pleasure.

* 2 Thess. ii. 8. † Rev. xviii. 21. ‡ Rev. xviii. 8.

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